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Education Act takes aim at schoolyard, online bullies

Introduced in legislature. Proposed law would grant more power to principals to counter bullying

The province is taking on schoolyard bullies with new legislation introduced on Tuesday as part of a sweeping overhaul of the Education Act.

"We've outlined the expectations for both students and school boards to prevent bullying, (to) take action when it happens and protect children from the horrible consequences of bullying whether it happens in the schoolyard, on buses or online," Education Minister Jeff Johnson said.

Under the anti-bullying provisions, principals and trustees will have more authority to address not only the bullying that happens on school grounds, but also bullying that happens on websites or off the grounds — such as hazing — that affects a student's ability to learn.

The principal and the board will have the power to issue suspensions and expulsions.

Sarah Hoffman, chair of the Edmonton Public School Board, hadn't seen the act at press time, but said the schools are doing a lot already to counter bullying.

"In terms of what our district is doing right now with bullying prevention, there is extensive work happening," Hoffman said.

Debbie Engel, Hoffman's counterpart on the Edmonton Catholic School Board, welcomed the bill and said she was pleased to see bullying put front and centre.

"One of the biggest positives is the strict, strict anti-bullying legislation that is coming out," she said.

Engel said the tragic death of British Columbia teenager Amanda Todd is proof that a new law is needed to keep up with the times.

"A good part of that bullying took place through technology, and not necessarily on the school grounds," she said.

This is the third time the bill has been introduced. If it passes, school boards will have until September 2015 to update their regulations.

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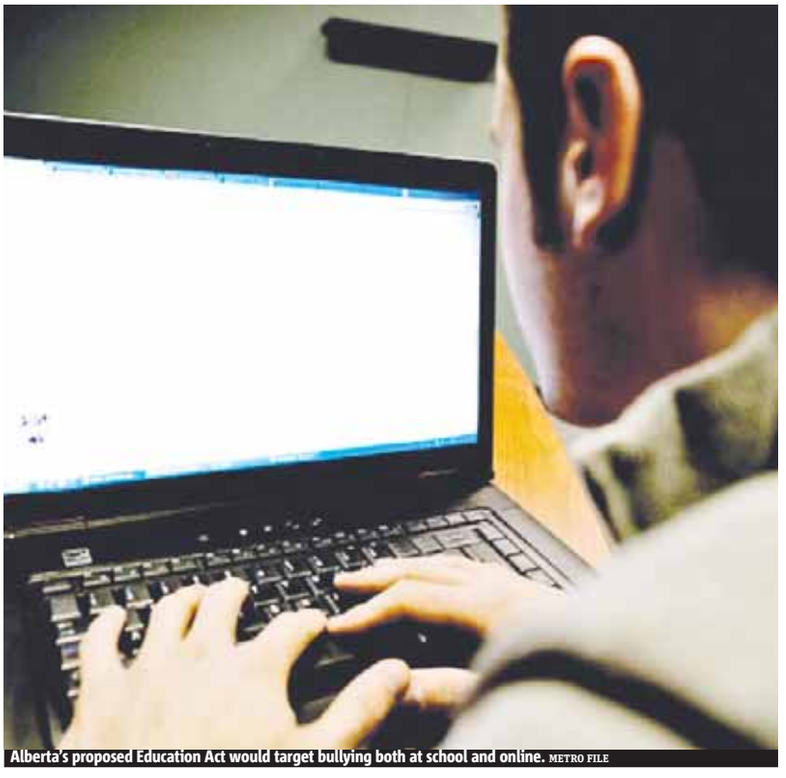
Alberta's proposed Education Act would target bullying both at school and online. METRO FILE

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A year of probation

Sentence doled out for energy threats

An Alberta woman who admitted to uttering threats against an oilfield company has been sentenced to a year of probation.

Kimberly Mildenstein pleaded guilty to the charge when she made a court appearance in Didsbury, Alta.

The 40-year-old woman from Sundre, Alta., was charged after the Mounties got word in March of threats being made against NAL Resources and its workers.

Mildenstein was told that if she abides by the conditions of her probation, she will be given a conditional discharge and will not have a criminal record.

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Transition pay

Premier keeping her caucus at arm's length

Alberta Premier Alison Redford is distancing herself from an attempt by some of her caucus members to try to bring back controversial transition allowances.

Redford was asked if she knew about the move ahead of time, but would only say committee members make their own decisions.

The payments proved to be a headache for the Tories last spring when taxpayers learned they'd be on the hook for $10 million for retiring politicians.

Last week, government whip Steve Young and other Tories on an all-party committee used their majority to pass a motion asking the legislature to bring back the allowances, but in reduced form. Young has said he misunderstood directions from the premier. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A Canada Food Inspection Agency employee, left, looks on as beef from the XL Foods cattle processing plant is dumped at a landfill site near Brooks, Alta., on Monday. The XL plant will reopen next week. JEFF MCINTOSH/THE CANADIAN PRESS

XL Foods plant given green light to reopen

Tainted beef.
Inspections to be ramped up as the Brooks plant restarts

Canada's food-safety watchdog restored the operating licence Tuesday for a southern Alberta meat-packing plant at the centre of a massive recall of tainted beef, and also launched a review of the E. coli crisis that sickened at least 16 people.

But the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) acknowledged that its control over food safety inside the nation's slaughterhouses has its limits: it is still up to companies such as XL Foods to honour its own safety plans.

"They had a series of problems which we required corrective action on, and which we're seeking confidence that they've now addressed," said Paul Mayers, vice-president of programs at the CFIA.

Officials emphasized the fact that E. coli outbreaks have decreased over the past decade, suggesting the food safety regime in Canada is continually improving.

Martine Dubuc, the vice-president of science at the agency, said it came down to XL Foods not communicating as regularly or as transparently as it was supposed to with the inspectors inside the plant.

The reporting issue is likely to come up as the CFIA convenes an expert advisory committee of the XL Foods incident, Dubuc said.

At XL Foods, production will ramp up gradually as inspectors scrutinize the work on the facility floor.

In Edmonton, Alberta Premier Alison Redford welcomed news that the licence had been restored

"It's very good news," she said. "It's good news for Alberta beef producers and it is good news for the workers in Brooks." THE CANADIAN PRESS

E. coli crisis

- The XL Foods plant has been closed since Sept. 27, because of E. coli contamination that is believed to have sickened 16 people
- Millions of kilograms of meat have been returned to the plant from dozens of retailers across Canada and the United States, and the recalled beef is being dumped at a landfill.
- The plant's management is being taken over by JBS USA, an American subsidiary of a Brazilian-owned enterprise and JBS also has an option to buy the company.

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Transformation of 118 Avenue caught on film

The Avenue. Local documentary exposes what it takes to change a neighbourhood

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When Edmontonians think of 118 Avenue, they may think of crime, drugs and prostitution.

Or they may reflect on attending the Kaleido Family Arts Festival, having a latte at The Carrot Community Arts Coffeehouse, and watching the infamous Cromdale Hotel come down.

That changing image is something local director Jaimie Clements, of Evolving Epidaurus Films, wanted to capture after moving to the area four years ago. Her documentary, The Avenue, premieres at the Metro Cinema on Wednesday.

"After about a year of living here I just started getting exposed to all of the great things that are happening here, like with the arts festivals and the community groups," Clements said. "And I just felt the reputation this area had wasn't deserved because it's really a beautiful community (with) lots of positive things happening, and all you usually hear about is the crime and grime, and how bad 118th is."

The film, mainly following Arts on the Ave and CRUD (Community Response to Urban Disorder), captures many events, festivals and community initiatives through 2009 and 2010, though later accomplishments, such as demolishing the Cromdale Hotel and creating a neighbourhood dog park, are also included.

Thanks to millions invested by the city since a revitalization effort was officially adopted in 2005, streetscape and building façade improvements have been made, and new businesses are continually being drawn in.

"It's so much fun to see some of the changes that happened, and how fast it's happened," said Judy Allan, the city's revitalization co-ordinator for the area.

Many Alberta Avenue residents, both those in the film and not, are excited to see it.

"It's totally exciting that Jaimie took on this project," said Christy Morin, executive director of Arts on the Ave. "The work we were doing on the avenue was being recognized by each other, but really we didn't have anyone doing any archiving or seeing the different stages of development."

The premiere starts at 7 p.m. and tickets are $10 at the door. The event will also feature live music and a Q&A with Clements.

For more information and viewing opportunities, visit theavenuemovie.com.

Jaimie Clements, a producer, director and actress who lives in the Alberta Avenue neighbourhood, was inspired to document changes on 118 Avenue. The film premieres Wednesday evening. LAURIE CALLSEN/METRO

Quoted

"I had somebody tell me that it's capturing their history, that it's giving them more of a sense of pride of what they have done and what they have accomplished, and they said it's kind of a gift for them to be able to have (it) preserved on film."

The Avenue director Jaimie Clements on reaction to her documentary.

Documentary trailer

To see a trailer of the documentary, as well as a Metro video about both the film and 118 Avenue, visit metronews.ca.

Stakeholders' thoughts on the documentary

"It's about seeing the difference; everybody is seeing the changes. It can only help the community."

Joachim Holtz, executive director of the Alberta Avenue Business Association

"The beautiful thing about the documentary is it's Jaimie's story ... and I think it gives perspective of what it's like to live here."

Christy Morin, executive director of Arts on the Ave

"Without the community's engagement, I don't think we would have had the kind of success that we had, and Jaimie's movie so brilliantly shows that."

Judy Allan, 118 Avenue revitalization co-ordinator

Over the years

Many initiatives, programs and festivals have been undertaken on Alberta Avenue over the past few years, and Metro has highlighted a few:

- **We Believe in 118.** The coalition of the Alberta Avenue Business Association, eight business owners, the Avenue Revitalization Initiative, the Edmonton Police Service and the Neighbourhood Empowerment Team work towards a safer community. One of the many initiatives encouraged businesses along the corridor selling drug paraphernalia and/or weapons to stop doing so and the majority of them did.
- **Dear John.** A campaign last spring by the Neighbourhood Empowerment Team saw community-written letters to johns placed along the avenue, discouraging sexual exploitation and raising public awareness. A survey done indicated residents saw a reduction in prostitution-related activity.
- **Kaleido Family Arts Festival.** The seventh annual festival took place last month. The Arts on the Ave production brings the avenue alive with music, dance, theatre, film, literary and visual arts each September.
- **Deep Freeze Winter Festival.** The two-day Byzantine winter festival celebrates the beauty of winter in January, bringing together many cultures through authentic food and heritage games.
- **The Ave We Had: A Living History.** Community league members and the Rat Creek Press embarked on an oral history project earlier this year, collecting stories and memories of those who lived in the Alberta Avenue area during its coming-of-age.
- **Cromdale Hotel.** The infamous building on 82 Street was torn down in early August after being ordered closed in 2004. A Shoppers Drug Mart will relocate to the site and open by next June.
- **The Carrot.** The community coffeehouse, created so Arts on the Ave had a physical space, is a volunteer-run hub where patrons can have a hot beverage, listen to live music, and shop for art or jewelry.

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Candid cruiser cam

Calgary cops jump on the video bandwagon

Calgary police are getting rolling on a candid cruiser cam crusade.

Sgt. Evel Kiez of the Calgary Police Service said the service hopes to install on-board cameras in each of that city's 250 cruisers by 2014 at a cost of $2 million.

Once installed, the video devices will be automatically activated anytime a vehicle's flashing lights are activated and, as policy, officers will be required to switch the system on during all interactions with the public, Kiez said.

He added the systems provide clear evidence for potential court proceedings.

"We use a description — if a picture tells 1,000 words, a video tells one million words," Kiez said.

Edmonton Police Service launched a pilot project to have officers wear chest cams while on duty, and the Calgary Police Service is investigating a similar program.

JEREMY NOLAIS/METRO IN CALGARY

Coats for Kids

Program kicks off in Edmonton with 4,000 donations

A donation drive that looks to keep kids and families warm during the winter months has already heated up after a challenge was put out to City of Edmonton employees from PCL Constructors.

The company kicked off the Coats for Kids and Families campaign — which has brought in over 210,000 winter coats for Edmonton families over 20 years — by donating 4,000 cold-weather essentials and challenging the City of Edmonton to meet or break their lead.

Edmonton Mayor Stephen Mandel happily accepted the challenge. METRO

Edmonton's Winter City Strategy moving forward

Asking for $362K. Administration will now look for money during budget time to implement report

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Edmonton's Winter City Strategy got high marks from city councillors on Tuesday and will now move forward with the hopes it gets city dollars later this year.

The strategy, which puts an emphasis on getting Edmontonians outside during the colder months, was released last week, but received support from council's community service committee Tuesday.

Among the ideas are more outdoor activities, building standards that cut down on cold winds and the encouragement of outdoor patios.

Coun. Amarjeet Sohi thanked the think-tank that helped develop the report and said it was clear it was about a culture change for the city.

"I completely agree with you that a shift has to happen in the way we think," said Sohi.

Coun. Ben Henderson, who worked on the report, said it was nice to get the support from his colleagues. He said the city has to recognize that winter exists.

"This is a major part of who we are as a city and we need to take advantage of it and run with it," said Henderson.

City administration will be asking for $362,000 in next year's budget to help implement the strategy.

Budget discussions will begin in November.

Let it snow

The funding the group is asking for will fund an advisory council to implement the recommendations, a staff member to work with that council and a variety of smaller projects including ice-skating at city and community workshops.

- **Average.** Edmonton has just 3.8 days below -30 in a given year.
- **Process.** The report will go to the full city council for a final endorsement on Oct. 31.

Coun. Ben Henderson, one of the drafters of the city's Winter City Strategy, sits at a makeshift outdoor patio on 104th Street last week. The strategy calls for getting Edmontonians outside more in the winter months, including at year-round patios. METRO FILE

Public schools. Planning begins with closure moratorium expiring

As the expiration of a two-year moratorium that has prevented public schools in Edmonton from closing nears, Edmonton public school board trustees passed a recommendation to develop and implement a strategy that will address a major infrastructure deficit.

"By 2021, unless there is significant funding coming forward from Alberta Education we're going to be facing one billion dollars of deferred infrastructure maintenance," said board chair Sarah Hoffman.

One of the first motions the newly elected school board made two years ago was to place a delay on school closures.

During the moratorium, which concludes at the end of November, the board was to identify ways to support schools instead of close them.

On Tuesday, trustees discussed what to do as the expiry of the moratorium nears.

A recommendation, stating that administration will develop and implement a district infrastructure strategy, was passed.

"The time of the moratorium is coming to an end and we need to decide how we're going to move forward," Hoffman said.

"What the board passed tonight was a recommendation to look at first set principles that are important to us in terms of planning and then move forward ensuring that we develop a longer term plan to address the pressures that we're facing."

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Annexation. City, County of Leduc launch plans

Leduc's growth spurt over the last six years is prompting the city to annex part of the county to add on more land.

The City of Leduc is looking to annex 1,300 acres from the surrounding county southwest of the city, the first time the city has done so since 1999.

"This plan is in direct result of our city's rapid growth of 50 per cent over the last six years," said Leduc Mayor Greg Krischke in a statement Tuesday.

"It outlines all the tasks and steps required to identify lands that will meet the growing demands of our community, today and tomorrow."

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Open houses

The city and county will be hosting open houses and a public hearing to gain input from landowners, stakeholders and the public.

The open houses will be held Nov. 8 and 15 between 5 and 9 p.m. at the Best Western Plus Denham Inn and Suites, while the public hearing will be held at the same location Nov. 19 at 7 p.m.

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Missing McCann couple

Vader preliminary inquiry dates set

The man accused in the murder of St. Albert couple Lyle and Marie McCann will face a preliminary inquiry almost a year from now.

Travis Vader will have the inquiry on two charges of second-degree murder starting Sept. 9 in Stony Plain. A preliminary inquiry determines if there is enough evidence for a case to go to trial.

The McCanns have not been since since they left St. Albert in July, 2010. METRO

Holy plow, Cowtown!

Our neighbours to the south got a taste of winter Tuesday, with up to 20 centimetres in some areas of Calgary within 24 hours, forcing city snow-clearing equipment out to keep walks clean. ROBSON FLETCHER/METRO

Police officers partner with Oil Kings players

Mentors. Many cops are former hockey players

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City cops and junior hockey players teamed up to offer Edmonton students some sound career advice Tuesday.

It's part of a newly launched mentorship program that pairs Oil Kings players with cops, who will be a mentor for the player.

The player/police officer pairs will participate in community events together, such as visiting Ross Shepard school Tuesday, to introduce students to careers in policing.

The new program is an important community partnership and a good recruiting tool, said Peter Kasowski with the Edmonton Police Service recruiting unit.

"Being an ex-hockey player myself, I feel it's an easy transition for an athlete to move into a career in policing," Kasowski said.

Each of the 25 mentor officers are past college, university, semi-pro or pro hockey players, and can relate to the Oil Kings players, said Kasowski.

Bob Green, general manager of the Edmonton Oil Kings, said the new initiative will give players a mentor to look up to and confide in.

"Most of these kids live away from home at a young age and have all the same problems that other young kids have, even though they're good hockey players," he said.

Can quakes be predicted? Court says yes, leaving Italy's experts in fear

Four top Italian disaster experts quit their posts Tuesday.

They said the manslaughter convictions of former colleagues for failing to adequately warn of a deadly 2009 earthquake mean they can't effectively perform their duties.

A court in the quake-devastated town of L'Aquila convicted seven ex-members of Italy's so-called "Great Risks Commission" and sentenced each to six years in prison.

The sentences prompted predictions that experts will be discouraged from working in Italy for fear of similar risks of prosecution.

Commission president Luciano Maiani and two other members resigned, along with a top official for earthquake and volcano risk.

Prosecutors said the defendants didn't properly warn town residents of the risk of a big quake following weeks of small tremors.

But scientists have ridiculed the case, saying earthquakes cannot be accurately predicted.

308 killed

The 6.3-magnitude quake left 308 people dead in April 2009.

- **Failure?** Many experts said the quake wouldn't have caused such extensive damage if buildings had been constructed or retrofitted to meet modern quake-zone construction standards.

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Abuse case. Disgraced Sandusky sees his new home — a state prison

Jerry Sandusky, the disgraced former Penn State football coach, became a state prison inmate Tuesday.

The 68-year-old was transferred out of the Centre County jail, his home since he was convicted in June of child molestation.

He arrived at the State Correctional Institute at Camp Hill, just outside Harrisburg, Pa., a prison spokesperson said.

At Camp Hill, experts will assess his mental state, physical health and education level, and determine whether he needs treatment.

"I have some concerns about his medical needs and we're going to be taking a careful look at that to make sure they're being addressed," said his lawyer, Karl Rominger. Specifically, he said, Sandusky has sleep apnea and uses a so-called CPAP machine.

Sandusky was sentenced this month to 30 to 60 years for sexual abuse of 10 boys over a 15-year period.

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Now Romney's a centrist? Obama says it's 'Romnesia'

Mitt's new tactic?

Hard-hitting U.S. president accuses the normally hawkish Republican of shifting his positions

Heading in different directions politically: U.S. President Barack Obama and Republican challenger Mitt Romney walk past each other onstage after Monday's presidential debate. PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. President Barack Obama has come out swinging — again.

The morning after the last televised presidential debate — in which critics say he gave a hard-hitting performance — he accused his Republican challenger Mitt Romney of shifting his positions.

He even joked that Romney was suffering from "Stage Three Romnesia."

"We are accustomed to seeing politicians change their position from four years ago," Obama told a Florida rally Tuesday.

"We are not accustomed to seeing politicians change their positions from four days ago."

Romney presented a more centrist approach to foreign policy during the Monday-night debate.

But the Obama campaign said the Republican's performance showed he is willing to shift from or lose his more conservative positions to satisfy his more mainstream constituents.

The two are neck-and-neck in the race for the White House as they enter the two-week home stretch before Election Day.

With the final debate behind them, the economy ruled the day Tuesday.

Obama brandished a new 20-page summary of his second-term agenda and told a campaign crowd in Florida that Romney's blueprint "doesn't really create jobs. His deficit plan doesn't reduce the deficit; it adds to it."

Later Tuesday, the president joined Vice-President Joe Biden in what is likely to be the most crucial battleground state of all, Ohio. In Dayton, Obama said of Romney: "He's doing everything he can to hide his true positions.

Quoted

"His vision for the future is a repeat of the past."

Republican challenger Mitt Romney, speaking Tuesday about Obama's 20-page summary of his second-term agenda.

"He is terrific at making presentations about stuff he thinks is wrong with America, but he sure can't give you an answer about what will make it right."

Romney and running mate Paul Ryan's schedule reflected the strategy of driving up Republican votes in areas such as the Denver suburbs and Cincinnati.

In Nevada, Romney told a cheering crowd that Obama wants a new term for the same policies that have produced slow economic growth and high unemployment for four long years.

"He is a status quo candidacy," Romney said.

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Public interest prevails

Correctional Service tries to prevent release of cell-death video

Federal prison authorities are going to court to try to stop the release of a jailhouse video of a teen who died in her cell.

Their announcement came just after the coroner refused to put a publication ban on the videos of Ashley Smith.

Prison authorities wanted the videos of a dying Smith kept from public view. But coroner Dr. John Carlisle said the public's right to know was too important.

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Annual report

Self-harm by prisoners rising

The federal correctional investigator says the number of prisoners harming themselves in federal penitentiaries has almost tripled in the last five years.

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Liberal party

McGuinty won't run for federal leadership

Outgoing Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty won't be challenging Justin Trudeau for the federal Liberal leadership.

The premier has decided to look for challenges outside politics.

"I've talked it over with family and supporters and I've decided not to run," said McGuinty.

Some of his closest advisers had put together a campaign team that would have been ready to go this week.

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Foreign workers

B.C. investigates recruitment ad

The provincial government is investigating after the B.C. Federation of Labour complained an employment agency has been advertising for Canadian jobs, offering miners in China a chance to work here in exchange for exorbitant recruitment fees. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Harper backbencher gives Jubilee medals to abortion foes

Controversial decision. Activists jailed repeatedly for aggressive actions called 'heroines of humanity' by MP

Conservative MP Maurice Vellacott, who gave Diamond Jubilee medals to two anti-abortion activists who have been jailed repeatedly, calls them "heroines of humanity."

Vellacott gave one of his 30 allotted medals to Mary Wagner, whose aggressive actions "counselling" women at abortion clinics have repeatedly landed her behind bars.

The Saskatchewan MP also gave one to Linda Gibbons, another longtime pro-life advocate and frequent convict on mischief charges.

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Saskatchewan Conservative MP Maurice Vellacott is shown in the House of Commons in May 2006. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Well-being. Economy OK, but Canadians not so much

Canada's economy may well be muddling through, but on a more personal level, Canadians generally are not, a new study of well-being suggests.

The Canadian Well-being Index, led by researchers at the University of Waterloo, shows that quality of life in Canada deteriorated by 24 per cent between the onset of recession in 2008 and 2010.

Canada's main economic indicator, gross domestic product, only declined by about 8.3 per cent over the same period and began to make a turnaround by the end of 2010.

"When Canada's economy was thriving, Canadians only saw modest improvements in their overall quality of life," said Roy Romanow, co-chair of the index's advisory board. "But when the economy faltered, our well-being took a disproportionate step backward." THE CANADIAN PRESS

A funny thing happens when you tell kids they matter. They believe you.

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Pricey pedicab. Tourists charged $442 for ride

Even in an era of $500 hotel rooms and $18 cocktails, the $442 that a Texas family paid for a ride in a New York City pedicab has become notorious.

The fare made headlines over the summer, and since then, officials have been pushing for a simplified pricing structure.

Pedicab operators are allowed to charge whatever they like as long as their prices are posted on the side of the cab. But listed prices are often based on a confusing formula. That was what led to the $442 fare. The driver told the couple after their 14-block ride that there was a $100 fare for each additional passenger, even though the daughters were 7 and 9. Such a trip for three people ordinarily costs $80 to $100.

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Proposed changes

- A proposal before New York City Council would scrap the rate cards for a per-minute charge that each driver could set.
- The New York City Pedicab Owners Association prefers a requirement that prices be quoted before the ride starts.

Grave error

Thieves steal van with 12 coffins

Polish car thieves got some unexpected cargo when they stole a van in Germany: 12 sealed coffins.

Polish police said the coffins were found Tuesday in the woods near the western Polish city of Konin. The thieves apparently dumped the coffins after they unwittingly stole a van in Germany that was on its way to a crematorium.

The coffins were in one of three vans stolen on the night of Oct. 14 in the Berlin suburb of Hoppegarten.

A Polish police spokesman says three Poles have been detained and two more are being sought on suspicion of stealing the vehicles. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Russian spacecraft blasts off from Kazakhstan site

The Soyuz-FG rocket with Soyuz TMA-06M space ship carrying a new crew to the International Space Station blasts off from the Russian-leased Baikonur cosmodrome, Kazakhstan, Tuesday. NASA/BILL INGALLS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Baikonur. Need for back-up launch site became acute with decommissioning of shuttle fleet in 2011

A Russian spacecraft surged into clear skies over the Central Asian steppe Tuesday, carrying a three-man crew on their way to the International Space Station.

The engines of the Soyuz TMA-06M sent a powerful roar across the tinder-dry countryside of southern Kazakhstan as scheduled in the afternoon to deliver NASA astronaut Kevin Ford and Russians Oleg Novitsky and Yevgeny Tarelkin to the orbiting laboratory.

After a two-day journey, the astronauts will join U.S. astronaut Sunita Williams, Russia's Yuri Malenchenko and Aki Hoshide of Japan's JAXA agency.

The crew will face what may be the heaviest workload in the 12-year history of the space station over its first week.

Tasks will include handling the departure of a Dragon cargo vehicle and a spacewalk to carry out repair operations on the station.

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Cosmodrome

For the first time since 1984, the manned takeoff took place from the Russian-leased Baikonur cosmodrome's launch site 31.

- The pad that is normally used — the one where Yury Gagarin became the first human to travel into space in 1961 — is being modernized. Site No. 1, better known as Gagarin's Start, was last overhauled in 1983.
- Launches of a modernized version of the craft that flew Tuesday, Soyuz-2, will begin from the Gagarin Start cosmodrome in 2016.

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Ohio. Execution table can support obese inmate, Warden says

The warden of the prison where Ohio puts inmates to death says the state's execution table can easily hold a 400-pound condemned inmate who has argued he is so big it might collapse.

The table was tested by placing an equally-heavy prison employee on it and by placing weights on it.

"The execution table held firmly and showed no signs of instability," Donald Morgan, warden at the Southern Ohio Correctional Facility, said in a court filing late Monday opposing inmate Ronald Post's request to be spared.

Post's attorneys said last month he weighs 480 pounds, while the state says Post weighed 396 pounds last week.

Post, 53, is scheduled to die Jan. 16 for the 1983 shooting death of Helen Vantz.

Vantz's son, Bill Vantz, has called Post's arguments "laughable."

Post argues his weight, vein access, scar tissue, depression and other medical problems raise the likelihood his executioners would encounter severe problems.

"Given his unique physical and medical condition, there is a substantial risk that any attempt to execute him will result in serious physical and psychological pain to him," a court filing said last month.

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History

Ronald Post's lawyers warn the execution will go awry.

- **Failure.** In a statement Tuesday, Post's lawyers said that trying to execute Post will turn out worse than the state's unsuccessful 2009 attempt to execute Romell Broom, whose execution was stopped after about two hours when executioners could not find a usable vein.
- **Broom.** With Broom, "Ohio's execution team experienced the stress of what it is like to try over and over to establish vein access and repeatedly fail," the attorneys said.

Protesters want wildlife crime on police agenda

Animal-rights protesters dressed as hunters 'beat' a fellow protester dressed as a fox, as they stage a play before the media outside police headquarters in central London, Tuesday. The protest was organized in the lead-up to the police commissioner elections, and organizers said they hoped to provoke debate around how police funding is currently spent. The organization says it fears that police will turn a blind eye to wildlife crime, while surveying and intimidating environment, peace and animal-rights activists. LEFTERIS PITARAKIS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Shock

Man appears live at his own funeral

A 41-year-old car washer shocked his family when he interrupted a funeral being held for him, police said Tuesday.

Confusion ensued after the wrong family was told their son was dead.

A few hours before the Monday burial, a friend saw the supposedly deceased man walking down the street and told him that his family was mourning him, police said.

"So he went to his mother's home to let everyone know he was very much alive." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Faith

Prayer could cut cime: Police chief

The new police chief in Manitoba's capital isn't officially on the job yet, but already he has stirred up controversy.

Devon Clunis recently told a Christian newspaper that prayer could play a "significant role" in making Winnipeg's streets safer.

"What would happen if we all just truly — I'm talking about all religious stripes here — started praying for the peace of this city and then actually started putting some action behind that?" ChristianWeek quoted Clunis as saying.

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Syria: It's a matter of life and death

A view of damaged buildings from shelling in Aleppo, Syria, taken Sunday.
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Aleppo under siege. Survival instincts are being stretched to the limit as rebels and Bashar Assad's regime clash and battle for Syria's largest city

The rumble of engines in the sky immediately set the Aleppo neighbourhood below on edge. Men peeked from shops anxiously at the Syrian warplane circling slowly overhead. Housewives emerged on balconies to gauge whether they were about to be hit. But the kids hanging out on the street were unfazed. One kept dribbling his basketball.

Finally, the jet struck. Engines revving louder, it dove and unleashed a burst of heavy machine-gunfire into a nearby part of the city. It soared back up under a hail of rebel anti-aircraft fire, then swooped back down for a second strafing run.

The women on the balconies broke into tears, fearing for the children in the street. But the boys just pointed at the jet, shouting "God is great" in challenge. "God send you to hell, Bashar," one boy yelled as the jet flew away.

With death lurking around every corner, the survival instincts of Aleppo's population are tested every day as the battle between Syria's rebels and the regime of President Bashar Assad for the country's largest city stretches through its fourth destructive month. Residents in the rebel-held neighbourhoods suffering the war's brunt tell tales of lives filled with fear over the war in their streets, along with an ingenuity and resilience in trying to keep their shattered families going.
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Gaza Strip

Landmark trip for emir of Qatar

The emir of Qatar became the first head of state to visit the Gaza Strip since Hamas militants seized the territory five years ago, showering almost half a billion dollars and unprecedented political recognition on the Islamic militant group. The Tuesday visit highlighted the tumultuous changes that have swept the region during the Arab Spring events over the past two years, pushing once-shunned Islamic movements to the forefront of Mideast politics.
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Double life

Informant denounces NYPD

A paid informant for the New York Police Department's intelligence unit was under orders to "bait" Muslims into saying inflammatory things as he lived a double life, snapping pictures inside mosques and collecting the names of innocent people attending study groups on Islam. Shamiur Rahman, a 19-year-old American of Bangladeshi descent who has now denounced his work as an informant, said it involved creating a conversation about jihad or terrorism and sending it to the NYPD.
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Afghanistan. 10 Afghan troops dead after ambush

Taliban insurgents killed 10 Afghan troops in an ambush in western Herat province, police and government officials said Tuesday.

A spokesman for the provincial governor, Muhiudin Noori, said the Afghan troops (which included both soldiers and police) were searching late Monday for a group of insurgents who had earlier set up a roadblock, stopping and seizing passing vehicles, when they were ambushed.

Five policemen, including the district commander and five soldiers, died in the ensuing firefight, Noori said. There were no insurgent casualties, but police later arrested 25 suspects found in the area, he said.

Also Tuesday, an American service member was killed in an insurgent attack in the east, the U.S. military said in a statement. It did not provide further details about the attack. The latest death makes at least 12 American service members killed so far this month and 265 killed so far this year.

The Herat ambush was the bloodiest single incident for Afghan security forces this year in western Afghanistan, an area where the insurgents have been less active than in their strongholds in the east and west.
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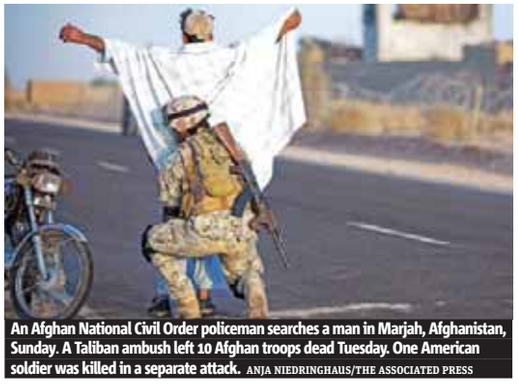

An Afghan National Civil Order policeman searches a man in Marjah, Afghanistan, Sunday. A Taliban ambush left 10 Afghan troops dead Tuesday. One American soldier was killed in a separate attack. ANJA NIEDRINGHAUS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Employee drug-testing

Court turns down Suncor challenge

Suncor Energy has lost another legal round in its plan to randomly test thousands of unionized oilsands workers in Alberta for drugs and alcohol.

But the court battle pitting work-site safety against individual privacy rights isn't over.

Earlier this month, the Communications, Energy and Paperworkers union Local 707 won an injunction against a testing policy that was implemented during the summer. A judge ordered the matter be settled through arbitration.

An Alberta Court of Appeal judge ruled Tuesday against a Suncor application for a stay of the injunction. Suncor said it will continue the fight to keep its work sites safe.

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iPad Mini priced well above rivals

Orders start Friday. New tablet 'is not just a shrunken down iPad,' senior Apple exec says

Apple introduced a smaller iPad on Tuesday as expected, and updated its full-sized one. It also unveiled new Mac computers, including a 13.3-inch version of a MacBook Pro with sharper, "Retina" display.

With a screen measuring 7.9 inches on the diagonal, the iPad Mini is about two-thirds the size of the regular iPad. "You can hold it in one hand," said Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice-president for worldwide marketing. "It's not just a shrunken down iPad. It's an entirely new design."

The iPad Mini starts at $329 US, which makes it more expensive than rival, seven-inch products — Amazon.com Inc.'s Kindle Fire starts at $159 US, and Google Inc.'s Nexus 7 at $199 US.

Advance orders for the iPad Mini and the new full-sized iPad will begin Friday, and the products will be available Nov. 2. Two weeks later, a version capable of using cellular networks will go on sale. That's a feature the cheaper, seven-inch tablets don't have.

The new full-sized iPad is an update to the third-generation device that went on sale in March. It has a sharper screen and promises a faster processing chip and faster wireless Wi-Fi connectivity. Prices start at $499 US.

- A new thinner and lighter version of the 13.3-inch MacBook Pro, with a sharper display, will start at $1,699 US.
- New iMac computers feature what looks like a super-thin display screen — but Schiller noted "there is an entire computer in here."
- A new Mac Mini starts at $599 US and comes with four gigabytes of RAM.

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The iPad Mini, shown in San Jose, Calif., on Tuesday, has a screen about two-thirds as large as the full-sized model.
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You may soon be able to get your caffeine fix a little bit faster.
TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE FILE

Quick-touch payments. Tim Hortons rolls out Interac Flash

Tim Hortons has joined other Canadian retailers in adding Interac Flash cards to the number of ways customers can make cashless payments at the counter.

The restaurant chain expects more than 2,300 locations across the country to be accepting the wireless touch cards by the end of October.

Rather than adding to a credit card balance, the Interac cards draw down the funds from the customer's bank account. And unlike older types of credit and debt cards, the new generation of Interac cards use a quick-touch chip processor that doesn't require customers to enter PIN numbers or other information.

Due to its size, Tims will be one of Canada's biggest users of Interac Flash but it won't be alone. THE CANADIAN PRESS

London. Conrad Black calls BBC interviewer 'British fool'

Former media magnate Conrad Black has suggested in a pair of eyebrow-raising British TV interviews that he could resume his seat in the House of Lords.

In one interview, Black termed a BBC host a fool and talked about "being able to endure a discussion like this without getting up and smashing your face in."

In another, he told a Sky News interviewer Tuesday to "stop being a jackass."

During his first appearance, Black told BBC Two's Newsnight on Monday that the U.S. charges that sent him to prison for close to three years were "rubbish" and that he had been "persecuted half to death."

Black, who returned to his Toronto home this year after being released from a Florida prison, spoke critically of the U.S. justice system during the interview, describing the American prosecution of him as "a smear job from A to Z."

But the chat with Newsnight's Jeremy Paxman became heated when the host referred to Black as a convicted criminal and Black responded by calling Paxman a "priggish, gullible, British fool." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"After seven years, my first morning back in Britain, am I to be subjected to this?" **Conrad Black,** responding to BBC interviewer Jeremy Paxman's questions about Black's wife, Barbara Amiel

Homeowners have cut back to meet mortgage payments, survey finds

A new survey suggests many Canadian homeowners have made cutbacks in the past year to make mortgage payments and three-quarters would feel a significant squeeze in their finances from even a modest rise in mortgage payments.

The inaugural BMO Housing Confidence Report finds one-third of those surveyed say they've already cut back on spending, while one-quarter have reduced the amount they're saving and 17 per cent have dipped into savings to meet mortgage obligations.

By the numbers

72%

Seventy two per cent of respondents say they would feel significant strain from a modest increase in their monthly mortgage payments, such as from an increase in interest rates.

Meanwhile, 16 per cent say a 10 per cent rise in mortgage payments would leave them at risk of not being able to afford their home.

Still, homeowners seem relatively confident in the market, with 46 per cent of respondents saying they plan to buy in the next five years.

The report, which was conducted by Pollara in September, paints a picture of homeowner sentiment following new mortgage regulations that came into effect in July and ahead of the Bank of Canada's latest announcement on Tuesday in which the central bank left its trend-setting rate unchanged at one per cent

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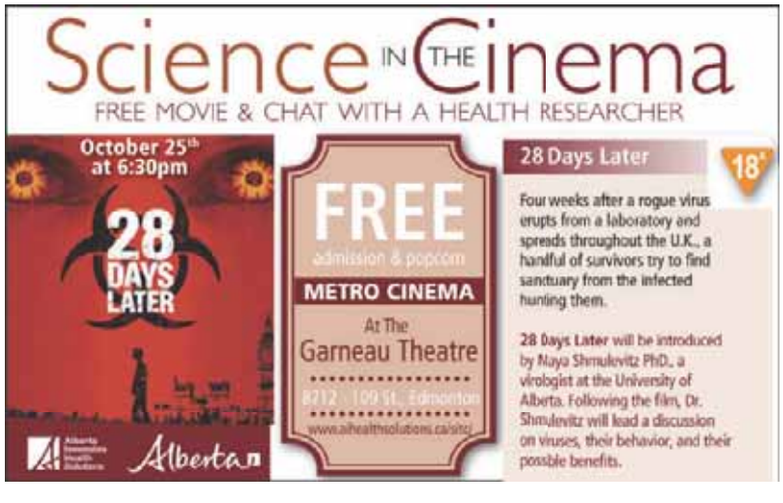

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A DESTINATION WEDDING WHERE NO MAN HAS GONE BEFORE

JUST SAYIN'
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Figure it out. The average life span lasts about 29,000 days. Might sound like a lot, but that's all you get.

So why would you spend a single one at a Star Trek convention?

The original Star Trek's Captain Kirk, William Shatner, had a lucid moment a few years back when he wondered the same thing.

Kingdom Klingon

They're so obsessive that the big event of the two-day fest, which ended Sunday, consisted of setting the record for the largest gathering of people dressed in Star-Trek-themed costume.

"I didn't want anything to do with a group of obsessives who paid to get together to talk incessantly about a TV show that had been cancelled. It wasn't logical."

That was then. Apparently in his dotage these days, he made the trek to London, England, this past weekend in order to revel in the adoration of the obsessives.

How obsessive are they? They're so obsessive that the big event of the two-day fest, which ended Sunday, consisted of setting the record for the largest gathering of people dressed in Star-Trek-themed costume. The previous record of 1,040 nerds in a room was beat, as 1,083 Klingons, Vulcans and Ferengi came together to … come together.

One couple really came together, exchanging vows as Klingons, the war-like aliens immortalized by Worf in Star Trek: The Next Generation. They spent their honeymoon at the convention, natch. I can't help but wonder what happens the first time Jossie tries to bite Sonnie (they're both Swedish in real life) on the neck (how a Klingon indicates he or she is interested in sex), and Sonnie says "Not tonight dear, jIwuQ (I have a headache)." The fur will fly, no doubt.

Not only did trekkers (the politically correct version of "trekkie") waste two of their 29,000 days to pine for a program that went out of production on May 13, 2005, they spent as much as 3,000 British pounds on a ticket.

To be fair, the damn thing is tougher to kill than a Romulan battle cruiser. J.J. Abrams directs the next movie, which documents the further adventures of a reinvented Captain Kirk, set to open on May 17, 2013, eight years later, almost to the day the series died.

How's that for symmetry? Symmetry is very important when you're a trekkERRRR.

If this keeps up, Star Trek will eventually catch up to its fictional "real time," sometime in the 23rd century. In fact, I'm surprised this has never been a Star Trek episode, as it's right up their alley.

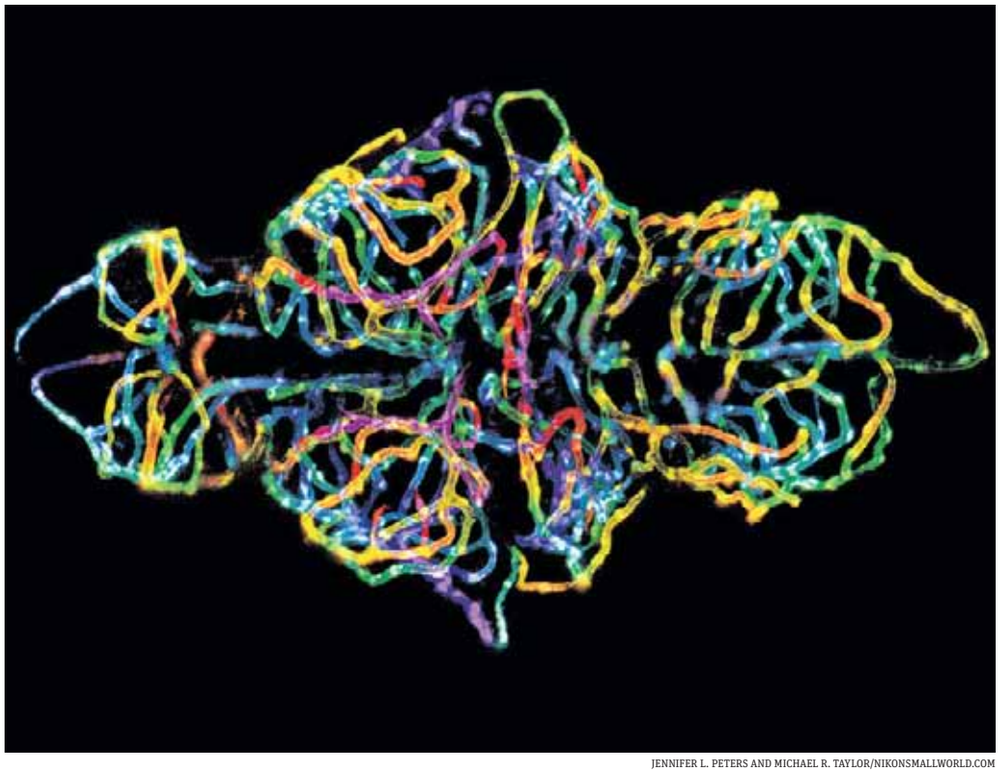
Full disclosure: I used to be a fan, but bailed when the show jumped the shark somewhere between Deep Space Nine and Voyager. But I'd like to think I never thought of Scott Bakula (Star Trek captain #5) as "legendary" or the kiss between Captain Kirk and Lieutenant Uhura as a milestone in U.S. race relations.

Yes, all the various Star Treks won 31 Emmys. But Frasier won 37 all by itself, and they don't have a Frasier convention every year with 1,000 Jack Russell terriers called Eddie.

At least not yet.

Jossie Sockertopp and Sonnie Gustavsson tie the knot in a Klingon wedding ceremony last weekend in London, England. OLI SCARFF/GETTY IMAGES

This photo is a little fishy



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Photomicrography

Fish brain lights up to win contest

A first-ever picture of the blood brain barrier in a live animal has won this year's Nikon Small World Competition, which recognizes excellence in photography taken through a microscope.

The blood brain barrier in a live zebra fish embryo was made by Jennifer Peters and Michael Taylor at St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. METRO

Q & A

This is a photo first

Can you describe the photo?
This image is of blood vessels from the brain of a live zebra fish larva. Using a fluorescent protein, we labelled the vessels that make up the blood brain barrier. As the colour changes from red to yellow to green to blue, the vessels are going deeper into the brain.

How is this image important in science and art?
This is the first time the entire blood brain barrier has been imaged in a live animal. I believe that new models of the blood brain barrier, such as the zebra fish shown in our image, may lead to new treatments for central nervous system diseases that disrupt the BBB: neurodegenerative disorders, brain tumours and strokes, to name a few.

Esthetically, it's absolutely stunning.

MICHAEL TAYLOR
Biology researcher

Science explained

What's a blood brain barrier?

This defensive barrier is a group of cells that let nutrients and other necessities move between blood vessels and the central nervous system, while keeping bacteria out of the brain's region. METRO

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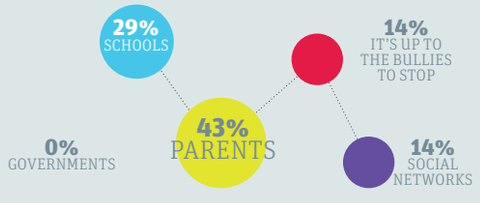

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Saw some no idling signs today just standing there doing nothing. #yeg

@ecitydweller:
Something you don't see everyday - 2 gentlemen busking in the LRT station - with accordions. #thatsdifferent #mademesmile #yeg

@justineulan:
It is officially time for those cute, cozy, & warm mittens to be dug out from storage. Brrrrr. #yeg #weather #winter

@kendallsolbak:
Did the sun actually come up today? #gloomy #yeg

@movietrailer:
I've barely seen any houses decorated in my neighborhood. Where's the Halloween spirit #yeg?

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SCENE 2

‘I was James Bond’

London. Reporter plays 007 for a day, scaling an arena, drinking martinis and scoring a Bond girl

ANTHONY JOHNSTON
Metro World News

Licence to Thrill: Anthony Johnston, a.k.a. James Bond, in front of the iconic O2 Arena in London. Inset, Anthony as Daniel Craig taking care of an adversary. NICK CUNARD

As a copy editor, I’m a stickler for, well, everything: words, grammar, facts … and movie trivia. I know a thing or two about James Bond (his dad was Scottish and he has a drink every 24.3 minutes, for example) but I never pictured myself as 007.

In fact, no one has pictured me as 007. At six-foot-six and close to 275 pounds — counting my bushy beard and hair — I am closer to Jaws in stature and have as much experience with firearms as Moneypenny (none). Despite all this, I took up the mission of Be Bond for a Day to see if I could masquerade as a secret agent.

Cut and shave à la Bond

To be Bond, you have to look the part. So that means a respectable tuxedo — Moss Bros. of King Street, Covent Garden fixed me up — and an all-out makeover. At traditional barbers Murdock London (Liberty department store, Great Marlborough Street, London), they specialize in slick side-parting styles and wet shaves with cut-throat razors.

Prepared, I whip out a photo of Sean Connery in Dr. No — it’s the look I want. My barber Alex Glover applies lashings of exfoliating creams and several hot towels to my face before diving into the mossy bush on my cheeks and atop my head.

The result is pure, pomaded Sean. I am now ready to climb a building.

Exclusively online

Anthony Johnston dresses as James Bond, climbs the O2 and drinks martinis. Watch the video at metronews.ca/scene

Johnston, Anthony Johnston

In The World is Not Enough, 007 lands atop London’s O2 arena after falling from an exploding hot-air balloon. Forgetting to bring my exploding hot air balloon, I sign up for the site’s latest attraction Up at The O2, a 190-metre open walkway that stretches over the roof.

Attached to a harness, visitors scale the tensile fabric path, which at its steepest has an incline of 30 degrees, and finally rest at the observation deck — 52 meters above ground level. (The equivalent of 27 Sean Connerys and one Nick Nack, stacked up tall.)

Vertigo nearly kicks in. But if you’re like Bond and walk with purpose — as fast as you can — at the top you’re rewarded with the spectacular skyline of London’s Canary Wharf financial district.

You’ll also have a good view of your fellow climbers, some of them, ahem, Bond girls.

Despite my tux, they were reluctant to pose with me. But after I donned a Daniel Craig mask, they rushed in, and one bloke even let me shoot him with my fake gun. Skyfall cost millions. All I needed to become a star was a $5 sheet of thin cardboard.

And after this high climb, a stiff drink.

An Evening with Vesper

Ian Fleming coined the phrase “A Martini. Shaken, not stirred” at Duke’s Hotel (St. James’s Place, London), in the city’s Mayfair district. It boasts a sumptuous and refined bar where hedge fund managers and art gallerists — and occasionally a dashing 007 double — sip cocktails well into the night.

No sooner had I arrived at this quaint bar than the head barman Alessandro Palazzi, in his pristine white tuxedo, whisked me to my corner table. After glancing at my own attire, he kindly says to me: “You’ll want to have The Vesper.”

For novices among you, The Vesper — a powerful concoction of gin, vodka, bitters and Lillet blanche aperitif wine — is regarded as the “true” 007 Martini, as it is mentioned in Ian Fleming’s first Bond novel, Casino Royale. Alessandro makes it with three measures of No. 3 Gin (from London-based Berry Bros.), one measure of Potocki Polish vodka, one of Lillet Blanc and two dashes of Angostura bitters, topped off with a slice of orange peel. Alessandro’s preparation of the drink before my eyes was tantalizing — the taste, intoxicating. Dry, rough, smooth, potent, invigorating and $27.70 — it had as many qualifiers as it had ingredients.

My lips and mouth had been shaken and stirred.

And finally, the Bond girl

With Vesper flowing through my bloodstream, it was high time I got to work. The mission? Chat up more potential Bond girls. Armed with a feigned ego and innuendo-filled one-liners that would embarrass M, I headed for the aptly (and worryingly) named Dirty Martini (11/12 Russell St., Covent Garden, London).

At first I was blown off and berated, even slapped at by a woman who said, “I’m too dirty for you.” Burned, James, burned. Maybe some Bondian pick-up lines would work?

“Hi,” I said, smoulderingly, to the fair-skinned girl with delightful auburn hair. She asked if I was American, to which I replied, “No, I’m Irish.” (I really should have followed with, “Like Pierce Brosnan!”) Then I stood there mute, a case of stage fright. The woman left, forgetting all about me.

Us spies call this “pulling a Lazenby,” a.k.a. “dying another day.”

The big finale

Like any good Bond movie, this one has an explosive ending. Channelling my inner-Craig, I used one last pick-up line on two fine birds — “Explain this to me,” it goes, “How come two gorgeous ladies like yourselves walk in and nobody tells me about it?”

They laughed — the good kind, mind you — and soon, I was chatting up someone who looks curiously similar to Eva Green as Vesper Lynd in Casino Royale. She even sat in my lap.

Was she on a Be a Bond Girl mission herself? That’s for my eyes only.

Blurring the line of fantasy and reality

New film. Silent Hill: Revelation 3D follows a long line of movies that explore the idea of living in alternate realities

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Adelaide Clemens stars in Silent Hill: Revelation 3D. HANDOUT

In the song Bohemian Rhapsody, Freddy Mercury poses questions that must have passed through the minds of many movie characters. "Is this the real life? Is this just fantasy?"

Over the years in movies, like 12 Monkeys, filmmakers have used the idea of an alternate reality, a variation of a real place, but turned by 180 degrees, to tell their stories.

For example, in this weekend's Silent Hill: Revelation 3D a teenager, (Adelaide Clemens), stumbles into her town's dark side when she crosses over into an alternate reality — the ultimate bad side of the tracks. It's a hellish, but vaguely familiar place where she finally comes to understand the nightmares that have tormented her since childhood.

One of the most famous filmic alternate realities appears in It's a Wonderful Life, starring Jimmy Stewart as George Bailey, a man who is shown what would have happened to the town of Bedford Falls had he never been born. In that world, the idyllic small town turned into a tough, unfriendly place called Pottersville, where George's friend Violet is a stripper, his uncle is in an insane asylum and his wife is a spinster. "Strange, isn't it?," says his Guardian angel Clarence. "Each man's life touches so many other lives. When he isn't around, he leaves an awful hole, doesn't he?"

Quoted

"One of the most famous filmic alternate realities appears in It's a Wonderful Life, starring Jimmy Stewart as George Bailey."

Bill Murray learns about self-redemption via alternate realities in two films. In Scrooged, he's a cutthroat television executive taken to the past, future and alternate present by three spirits who teach him about the spirit of Christmas. After his strange journey, he says, "I was a schmuck, and now I'm not a schmuck!" Redemption.

Groundhog Day has Murray as a grumpy weatherman sent to the small town of Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania to report on whether or not the weather predicting groundhog Punxsutawney Phil sees his shadow. He hates the gig until the day he wakes up and realizes he is doomed to live the same day over and over again. His trip to the alternate reality teaches him to make the most of everyday.

Finally, the alternate reality in Being John Malkovich was a more confined place. Craig, played by John Cusack, finds a portal that leads into John Malkovich's brain, where, he says, "You see the world through John Malkovich's eyes. Then, after about 15 minutes, you're spit out into a ditch on the side of the New Jersey Turnpike!"

New book. The devil is sadly missing from the details in a classic horror movie

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When The Devils was unleashed on the world in 1971, the film's mix of sex, religion and violence disturbed many people, including a boy in Nova Scotia who would eventually become a Toronto film critic.

"I was too young to see it. I remember that it unsettled me to such an extent that I thought that on the list of movies I'll never watch again, this is probably one of them," says Richard Crouse of his early experience with the still-controversial movie by English film director Ken Russell.

"Years later, I became a Ken Russell fan. I went back and revisited it and realized that I was just too young the first time I saw it and that it is a masterpiece," says Crouse.

In 2010 Crouse hosted a Q&A session with Russell, who was making a special appearance at the Bloor Cinema for a screening of The Devils. As the 83-year-old slowly made his way to the stage, 950 moviegoers jumped to their feet cheering

"At that moment, I thought, there's enough interest here and enough of a story that I think this will make a great book," says Crouse.

And so it has. Earlier this month, Crouse released his book Raising Hell: Ken Russell and the Unmaking of The Devils, which details the creation of the film and the controversy that surrounded it.

The Devils is based on a true tale of demonic possession in 17th-century France.

Russell went about weaving a script that included plenty of nudity, graphic torture scenes, and masturbation with religious icons. Warner Brothers backed the project.

"The Devils was a mainstream movie when it came out. It wasn't some weird thing that would be shown at midnight in one theatre in Greenwich Village," says Crouse.

Before it reached the public, though, Russell's imagining was hacked by censors. Why this film has been relegated to a footnote in pop culture consciousness was a question Crouse set out to answer.

"Why is it that not even two years after The Devils came out The Exorcist — with a young girl masturbating with a cross — it's accepted and re-released and celebrated?"

"In the Exorcist, good ultimately triumphs and that left people with this good feeling at the end of it. So that's why that movie gets by with virtually no cuts."

In contrast, The Devils leaves viewers with a feeling of despondency. "I think it was a reflection of the troubled, unsettled times and maybe people straying a little bit from the church."

Raising Hell: Ken Russell and the Unmaking of The Devils is now available. HANDOUT

Polley glad media has focused on film

Stories We Tell. Movie is based on Toronto star's childhood and the tricky, painful task of finding out who her real father was

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Quote

"Thankfully, they've seen the film for the film as opposed to being too interested in the revelation of my personal life. That's been nice to talk to people about something I worked on instead of just what happens in my life."

Sarah Polley
Talking about her new film

There's one good aspect to Sarah Polley suspiciously keeping mum with the media about the movie she's been secretly making since 2008.

"Thankfully, they've seen the film for the film as opposed to being too interested in the revelation of my personal life," said the actress-turned-director recently in Toronto about her documentary Stories We Tell. "That's been nice, to talk to people about something I worked on instead of just what happens in my life."

In truth however, Stories We Tell (in theatres October 12) is very much about what has happened in Sarah Polley's life. Having answered a lifelong suspicion that she was conceived in an extramarital affair, the Oscar-nominated filmmaker of Away From Her was inspired to investigate the infallibility of memory. Without much more, she began interviewing her own family about their late mother and the plausibility of the secret affair.

"We all have these moments or these events in our families, whether they be tiny or huge, that we're convinced we know the truth about," said Polley. "There's so many debates about what actually happened or what was the truth ... the only anchor we have in this total mess of life is the narrative we create out of the events of our lives, which may be totally constructed, but that's something to hang on to in the middle of such a crazy ride we're on."

It's certainly paying off for Polley. The genre-bending film that's as stirring as it is beguiling has gained critical acclaim as well as an American distributor that will hold off on its U.S. release so that Stories will apply for next year's Oscar race.

"It's all kind of shocking," said Polley. "I'm a little shocked that anyone connects to it…but maybe its because when you get really specific it makes it easier for people to relate to more universal themes or project their own lives onto it."

Director's choice

Stories We Tell director Sarah Polley reveals her favourite documentary.

- **Five Obstructions.** "I love it," admitted Polley about the 2003 mind-bender in which filmmaker Lars von Trier challenges another director to remake a short film five different ways throughout.

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Sarah Polley at her childhood home. The director later discovered that the man she knew as Michael was not her biological father. PHOTO COURTESY OF THE NATIONAL FILM BOARD OF CANADA

Slight of mind: Dr. Mysterion on psychological entertainment

Mentalist. The mind reader, born on Halloween, doesn't call himself a magician

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Quote

"Illusion does come into what I do. I use five senses to create the illusion of six. Chances are you won't see something vanish, but you will see a table vanish."

Dr. Mysterion

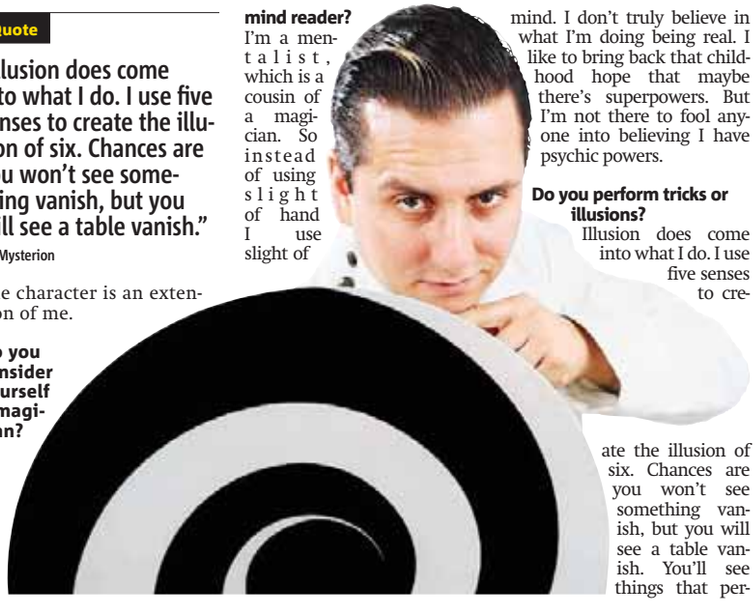
Billing himself as Canada's "foremost mentalist, magician and psychological entertainer," we caught up with Mysterion the Mind Reader at his action-figure-and-occult-oddity-filled apartment (he has a dodo bird skull and a Christmas card signed by Charles Manson in one room) ahead of his Mental Magic Spook Show.

So do your friends call you Mysterion?
Dr. Mysterion… some people do. It's become synonymous with what I do. The character is an extension of me.

Do you consider yourself a magician?
A mind reader?
I'm a mentalist, which is a cousin of a magician. So instead of using slight of hand I use slight of mind. I don't truly believe in what I'm doing being real. I like to bring back that childhood hope that maybe there's superpowers. But I'm not there to fool anyone into believing I have psychic powers.

Do you perform tricks or illusions?
Illusion does come into what I do. I use five senses to create the illusion of six. Chances are you won't see something vanish, but you will see a table vanish. You'll see things that pertain more to the supernatural and the unexplained powers of psychic ability.

You were born on Halloween. Does that mean you're obligated to dabble in the occult?
When I was a kid my folks told me Halloween is because it's my birthday and I had this complex. So I grew up and kept treating it like it's my birthday. Then I kind of went, "You know what? I'm going to allow this to happen every day of the year."



Reading my mind

At one point in our conversation, Mysterion tells me he's going to read my mind.

He hands me a pad of paper and a black Sharpie, then duct tapes and blindfolds his eyes. He asks me to write down the name of a movie. I hand it to him and he quickly flips the pad face down before removing the duct tape and blindfold. He quickly ducks into his toy room (filled with thousands of action figures) and comes out holding a 45-RPM record performed by him and Toronto surf-rockers The Blue Demons.

"The Blue Demons just got back from California and in the audience they looked out and sitting front row centre is Dick Dale," he says. "Dick Dale is famous for Misirlou. Misirlou is the theme song to a very famous movie, Pulp Fiction." He flips the pad over and sure enough, that's the movie.

"You can imagine how people react when I tell them they're thinking of a dead relative."

How to make a career last in Hollywood

Interview. Rob Cohen has become one of the biggest movie directors and he shares the pitfalls and perils of the business

NED EHRBAR
Metro World News

Rob Cohen shared some of his secrets to success in the movie business with Metro. SIDNEY BALDWIN

Rob Cohen's latest film, the Tyler-Perry-starring franchise reboot Alex Cross, may have disappointed at the box office in its opening weekend — pulling in $11.75 million in the U.S. — but don't count the prolific filmmaker out. Cohen's career has had many chapters, starting on the studio side in development before becoming a producer — for films like Mahogany and the Wiz — and then a TV and eventually film director, launching the XXX and the Fast and the Furious franchises. And he's still got a few tricks left up his sleeve. Here are a few lessons Cohen has learned along the way.

The secret to a long career: staying young at heart.
"The secret is to always listen to the 25-year-old inside yourself, to not stop," says the 63-year-old Cohen. "I think so many people get what I'll call hardening of the categories. Like (vice-presidential candidate) Paul Ryan with Led Zeppelin. In other words, all the 30 or 40 more years of music don't exist. Well, culture is a living, breathing, constantly evolving organism and you can choose to keep up with that organism or you can choose to just root somewhere within it that's familiar. And I think it's really important, if you're going to stay in a business like the movie business, that you keep moving with the edge of it. And that's just relying on the person inside you that you were when the world was new. You have to see the world with beginner's eyes and be as wondrous about it as you were the first time you heard the Rolling Stones."

Know your place in the marketplace.
"I could see that the tent-pole business was going to go to a handful of guys — (Christopher) Nolan, Zack Snyder. There are three to five of those guys that were going to get called for everything, and there's the Marvel answer, which is no money, no gross, no nothing. Do the movie, be told what to do, be told who's going to be in it, be told what the costumes are going to look like, and then you go say action and cut. That wasn't my desire, either. I came out of episodic television. I know how to shoot a Miami Vice in seven days. You don't forget that stuff just because you've had $160 million to make a movie. Some people want to forget it."

Quote

"To have a long career — and I've had a four-decade-plus career now — you have to reinvent yourself every 10 years, pretty much."

Rob Cohen
Talking about what it takes to make it in the movie business long term.

Don't give up on things — especially another XXX movie with Vin Diesel.
"We almost had it done at Sony, we almost had it done at Paramount, and we fell apart there," Cohen admits about the long-planned franchise relaunch. "I think now they wish they had that movie, with their release schedule. But it will rise up again. I'm just waiting for Vin to get his head out of Fast and Furious six, seven, eight, nine and 10."

Keep track of the decades.
"To have a long career — and I've had a four-decade-plus career now — you have to reinvent yourself every 10 years, pretty much. I spent the first 10 years or so of my career as a studio executive producer, then I made myself a director and I spent the next 10 years doing some features but mostly television," Cohen says. "When I wrote and directed Dragon: the Bruce Lee Story in '92, that started a committed directing career because I finally had a financial and critical hit to stand on. But then by 2001, I had to turn another card trick, and that was the Fast and the Furious — to go younger. After The Mummy made $405 million, I didn't go to do another tent-pole. I thought, I'll be fighting and I'll be doing the ones with the numbers after it — two, three, four. I don't want to be there. That's almost, to a certain point, that's like being a traffic cop. And I wanted to do something that was still filmmaker-y, and that was the indie world. So that's where I'm at."

Offerman talks about cracking up on Parks and Rec

Interview. Offerman opens up about working with his wife, how not to laugh at Amy Poehler

If you like Ron Swanson on NBC's Parks and Recreation, then you'll like Nick Offerman, the actor who plays him. Swanson is the director of the parks department in the Indiana town of Pawnee, where Parks and Recreation is set.

Offerman has the same deadpan delivery as his character, and he's a guy's guy who loves carpentry. He has a woodshop in Los Angeles.

One way Offerman differs from his character; he's creative. Besides NBC's Parks and Recreation, the 42-year-old actor has a live musical-comedy review, American Ham, and a new independent film, Smashed, starring Aaron Paul and Mary Elizabeth Winstead. The film tells the story of a young alcoholic couple whose dynamic changes when one decides to become sober. Offerman's wife, Megan Mullally, has a supporting role in the movie.

Offerman offers up the goods for our interview.

Nick Offerman CARLO ALLEGRI/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

So you share a love of meat with your Parks and Recreation character?

I grew up in a part of the country where my dad every morning would get up and make us bacon and eggs. That was the fuel of life, so long before I learned about cholesterol or my circulatory system in any way, I was already hooked on all pork and beef products.

Some couples don't like to work together. How is it for you and your wife, Megan Mullally?

I think the accepted rule of thumb is that you don't bring your marriage to the workplace, but we feel very lucky that for some reason I think it's important that we both are successful. If one of us wasn't succeeding, I think that would make a difference in the paradigm, but we both are getting to exercise our own weird muscles, and we're able to leave our egos out of it. We love working as a team and I love to see her succeed and I'm very aware of how that helps me in our household. I love to plug Megan.

Which of your cast mates on Parks and Recreation are so funny it's hard to do scenes with them?

It's so hard not to laugh at Amy. She's just so wickedly funny and I've had to develop this psychological trick where I pretend she's my sister. ... I try to get into this mind-set where she's being so funny and I think to myself, 'Oh, you're so funny. Everyone loves you so much.' And I pretend she's my sister. It allows her humour to not affect me for a moment. But even that she batters through (laughs). THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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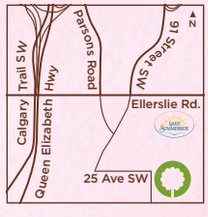

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Comedy duo finds humour in the quandaries of race

Comedy Central. New show Key & Peele dances along the edge of good taste and over the line with a special brand of racial jokes

As a comedy team, Keegan-Michael Key and Jordan Peele are very funny.

As guys who both lay claim to bi-racial status (black fathers, white mothers), they share a state of informed in-betweenness that gives their comedy extra punch and extraordinary insight.

Race fuels much of Key & Peele, their sketch-and-stand-up half-hour series airing Wednesdays on Comedy Central. Straddling the great divide between White and Black, they deliver a special brand of laughs, along with the occasional epiphany.

"There's been a lot of racial comedy over the years," says Peele. "But being bi-racial, mixed individuals, we realized there's been nothing from our perspective."

Even so, their mission isn't social reform.

"We're not trying to lead anybody toward any specific conclusion," says Peele, "except that, ultimately, race is an absurd thing."

"It always boomerangs back to culture," Key adds.

They are happy to show how.

The comedy of Key and Peele is clever, keenly observed and fearless. But never mean.

Consider their sketch set in the antebellum South. They play slaves who, placed on the auction block, grow increasingly indignant that no one is bidding on them, while all the other slaves are snapped up.

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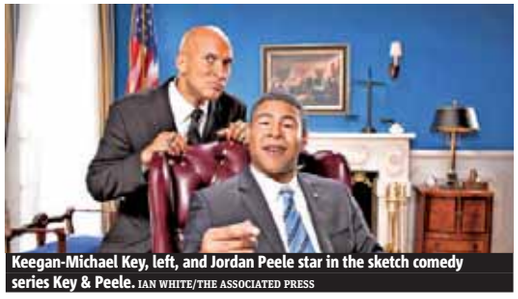

Keegan-Michael Key, left, and Jordan Peele star in the sketch comedy series Key & Peele. IAN WHITE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lindsay Lohan

Lohan refutes dad's alcohol allegations

Lindsay Lohan apparently isn't too worried about dad Michael Lohan's hopes to put the troubled actress under a conservatorship, according to Hollyscoop.

"No judge would buy it," Lohan reportedly told friends. "[The judge] would have a hard time believing the claims of someone who was investigated for insider trading, arrested for domestic violence multiple times, arrested for assault, has a drunk driving arrest and has been in and out of jail and prison for years." Lohan also insists that emails her dad provided to TMZ showing that her management team agrees that she's fallen off the wagon are all fabricated.

Michael, meanwhile, claims that his daughter is drinking up to a "bottle and a half" of vodka per day and using cocaine again.

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The Word

Timberlake provides own entertainment at wedding reception

A benefit of marrying someone like Justin Timberlake? Some high-quality serenading at the reception.

That's exactly what new bride Jessica Biel got during the couple's wedding celebration in Italy last week, when Timberlake reportedly grabbed the microphone to unveil some new material, according to Us Weekly.

"Justin performed one song at the wedding," a source says. "It's a new one that he hasn't released yet. He dedicated it to Jessica."

Guests were also treated to some other Timberlake hits from the DJ, Roots drummer ?uestlove, who "played a bunch of Justin Timberlake songs, but no *NSYNC," the source says.

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Fergie

Meth and paranoia — Fergie talks about sobering up

A paranoia-filled visit to church one day was what it took for Fergie to clean up and quit using drugs, she tells Oprah Winfrey in an interview. "I started getting really paranoid, so I went one day into this church and I thought that the FBI and the SWAT teams were outside the church," says the singer, who says she started taking drugs — including crystal meth — in her teens. "I said, 'All right, if I go out and the FBI and the SWAT team's not out there, then it's the drugs and I'm stopping." There were in fact no law enforcement officials waiting for her, and she kept her promise to herself and sobered up. Fergie didn't, however, specify exactly when all of this happened.

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Please be safe in Hawaii, @IrelandBBaldwin . Avoid the sharks. The ones wearing flip flops, Ray Bans and carrying a Budweiser.

@TheEllenShow
I'm so happy for Adele and her new baby boy, who just heard the best version of "Twinkle Twinkle Little Star" ever.

@JessicaSimpson
Long day at work. Too lazy to wash my face off before bed! Nighty Night

@SteveMartinToGo
I'm thinking of becoming a motivational speaker. But I'm not sure. Should I? Maybe yes, maybe no. Undecided. Kinda thinking about it.

What up, Playa?

Not far from Cancun (and with a little more class), it's Playa del Carmen

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Metro World News

One of the fastest developing vacation spots in Mexico, Playa del Carmen is the perfect destination for everything from family getaways to bachelor parties. Many American entrepreneurs have found Playa to be an ideal location for starting a business, making it a smart choice for those who aren't fluent in Spanish or don't want to sacrifice the comforts of home. With direct flights into nearby Cancun and temperatures remaining in the 20s, Playa del Carmen offers an easy, affordable escape from the increasingly chilly air.

Who needs Cancun when you've got Play del Carmen? THINKSTOCK

Stay

There are countless all-inclusive resorts nestled along the beaches leading into the city, but for a more unique experience, opt for a downtown location for your home base like the Acanto Boutique Hotel (16 Norte bis, 1-888-331-2177). Sitting along a shaded cobblestone street, this hotel offers travellers spacious suites that lend themselves to longer stays. The private rooftop decks, equipped with barbecues and hot tubs, afford stunning beach views and breathtaking night skies. Acanto is close to Quinto Avenida (or Fifth Avenue, as it's known to tourists) and steps to Playa's many beach clubs, where you can lounge along the shore.

Play

The sprawling lounge chairs and couches at Zenzi Beach Club (on the beach at 10 Street, 984-803-5738) make it hard to resist a pina colada, day or night. People-watch while you sit back and sip your way to relaxation.

If you're a cigar enthusiast, visit the quaint Cigar Factory on the corner of Fifth Avenue and 16 Street, where elderly cigar rollers will be hard at work at a table in the window.

Savour

Playa's eclectic dining scene offers much more than your typical Mexican fare (but rest assured taco lovers, there is plenty of that). Spice up supper time with a taste of Venezuela at the Kaxapa Factory (Constituyentes Avenue, 984-147-1645). Feast on arepas and patacones (fried green plantain sandwiches) at this family-run joint, and eat up — most menu items aren't more than $7. For something a little more romantic, head across the street from Acanto to La Sirena Mar y Barrio (16 Street between First and Fifth Avenues, 984-803-2448), a chic, modern, Mexican bistro. The name of the game here is fresh local seafood. Don't miss the ceviche.

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Little Crete village still cashing in on its rep as a destination for hippies

Matala. Explore the caves where Joni Mitchell stayed, or just enjoy the beach and laid-back vibe of this little fishing spot

Hippies made these caves famous. PHOTOS: MICHAEL FUHRMANN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Handmade jewelry sold on the beach adds to the hippy vibe.

In one of Matala's ancient caves Joni Mitchell had a bad night's sleep.

But which one?

The Canadian folksinging icon joined a wave of hippies from around the globe that washed ashore at this village on Crete's south coast in the late-1960s. A key attraction: the sandstone caves at the north end of the beach that provided free accommodation.

In published photos of the time, the hippies look as if they've occupied some bizarre prehistoric hotel as they lounge outside their cliffside dwellings.

These days swimsuit-clad tourists clamber up ledges on the cliff to explore the caves all day long. Access is free.

"The fact that Joni Mitchell was here, and all the hippies, I think it makes Matala an attraction for the tourists," says Luigi Sirianni, 32, one of several vendors who set up tables of handmade jewelry every day on the beach.

More than four decades after the hippy invasion, this Greek village continues to cash in on the 1960s legacy that has become its brand.

Swirly, psychedelic-style images are painted on roads and laneways. Gift shops do a brisk trade in flower-power stickers, and T-shirts adorned with peace symbols.

On a warm Saturday night in late-September, a barefoot musician sat cross-legged on a platform outside a cafe as he performed on electric sitar, harmonica and Apple laptop before an appreciative crowd.

"Business here is very good, and anyone who says it isn't is lying," says Voula Hristodoylaki, 52, who has owned a bookshop here for 30 years.

"It's not tragic everywhere in Greece like they say on TV," she says, referring to the country's depressed economy and weakened tourism industry.

A three-day festival with round-the-clock music drew over 50,000 visitors to Matala this past June. Inaugurated in 2011 as a hippy reunion, the event will be staged annually, organizers say.

Mitchell immortalized her stay here in her 1971 hit song Carey: she said her fingernails were filthy, she had beach tar on her feet and she missed her clean white linen and "fancy French cologne."

"The wind is in from Africa, last night I couldn't sleep," the song begins.

Well, no wonder. Try sleeping on hard rock in a dusty tomb.

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Chorizo sausage steals spotlight in roasted chicken with root vegetables

Sometimes it's best not to overthink things — as in this basic roasted chicken, a take on a simple French classic.

Everything is just tossed into a pot, put in the oven and ignored until done. The recipe calls for a cast-iron Dutch oven. These really are indispensable for making all manner of roasts and stews.

And they are as happy on the burner as in the oven (where, when covered, their heavy lids seal in moisture).

The most unique aspect of this recipe is the use of chorizo.

At its most basic, chorizo is a sausage made from chopped or ground pork and a ton of seasonings, often including garlic.

The flavours are deeply smoky and savoury, with varying degrees of heat.

Most are assertive and peppery, but not truly spicy.

Ingredients

- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp kosher salt
- 3- to 4-lb whole chicken
- 1 tbsp olive oil
- 1 lb cooking chorizo, casing removed and discarded, meat finely chopped
- 4 sprigs fresh thyme
- 3 sprig fresh rosemary
- 1 medium yellow onion, quartered
- 12-oz bag baby carrots
- 1 lb new potatoes
- 1 lemon, quartered
- 6 cloves garlic, peeled but left whole
- Ground black pepper, to taste

1. Heat the oven to 350 F.

2. Combine the salt and garlic powder, then rub the mixture over and under the skin of the chicken. Set aside.

3. In a 5 1/2-quart (or larger) Dutch oven over medium-high, heat the oil. Add the chicken and sear for 5 minutes per side. Transfer the chicken to a plate.

4. Add the chorizo to the pan, then sauté for 4 minutes. Add the thyme and rosemary. Heat for 30 seconds.

5. Return the chicken to the pan, breast up. Arrange the onion, carrots, potatoes, lemon and garlic around the chicken, then place the lid on the pot. Transfer to the oven and roast for 45 minutes, or until the breast reads 160 F on an instant thermometer. Transfer the chicken to a platter and tent with foil.

6. Use a slotted spoon to transfer the vegetables and chorizo to a serving bowl. Cover to keep warm. Discard the lemon quarters and any herb stems.

7. Place the pot over medium heat and bring to a boil. Cook until reduced and thickened, about 3 to 4 minutes. Adjust seasoning with salt and pepper. Serve the sauce drizzled over the chicken. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Roasted chicken with chorizo and root veggies

This recipe serves six. MATTHEW MEAD/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Drink of the Week

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It doesn't get more autumn than pumpkin pie and cider, and this drink combines the best of both worlds. It also adds a splash of lemon for a tart taste.

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Sweet-and-sour-glazed carrots and green beans

1. In a large, deep skillet over medium heat, cook the bacon until crisp. Transfer the bacon to a paper towel-lined plate to drain, leaving the drippings in the pan. Once the bacon has cooled, crumble and set aside.

2. Return the skillet to the heat and add the carrots. Cook for 8 minutes, or until just starting to become tender.

3. Add the green beans, then cook for another 8 to 10 minutes, or until the vegetables are tender. Add the brown sugar, molasses and vinegar. Stir until a thick glaze forms. Cook until bubbling all over and slightly thick and sticky. Season with salt and black pepper.

Ingredients

- 4 oz bacon
- 1 lb carrots, peeled and cut into 1/4-inch thick rounds
- 1 lb green beans, trimmed and cut into 2-inch lengths
- 2 tbsp brown sugar
- 1 tbsp molasses
- 1 to 2 tbsp balsamic vinegar
- Kosher salt and ground black pepper

4. Serve topped with the crumbled bacon. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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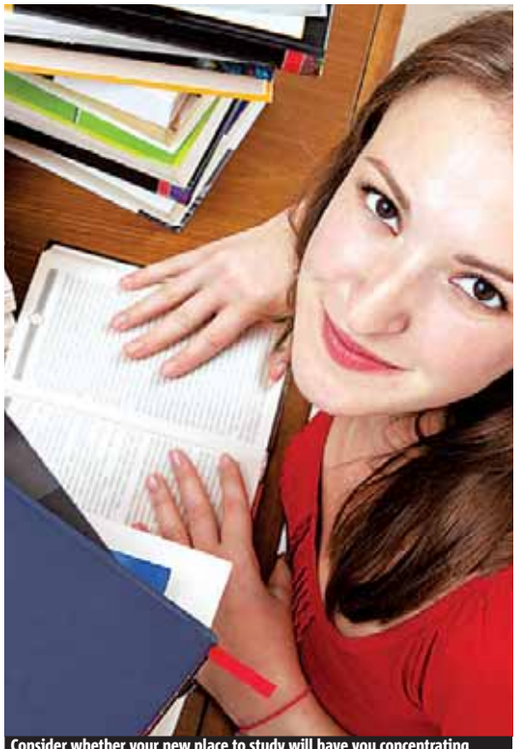

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Education or the elements? The program sounds great, but what about its whereabouts?

DANIELLE LORENZ
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You've been doing your research to apply to grad schools — looking at the school, the program, the faculty, its facilities and services, its reputation and its academic requirements.

However, one thing you must also do your research on is the location of your program.

Many students tend not to consider how much living in a certain city will cost, and that should be almost as important as the school itself, since those costs are very much linked together. Since you will be spending anywhere between 12 and 24 months as a full-time student at these schools, you need to consider the city the school is located in as well.

Climate

Let's say you abhor all things snowy and cold. Even though the University of Alberta and the University of Manitoba have programs that suit your research interests, how well are you going to be able to cope with temperatures that can be as low as (and sometimes even colder than) -40C?

Similarly, if you detest rain, the University of British Columbia or McMaster University won't be good choices for you.

Cost of living

Although the climate and temperature can have a lot to do with how you will enjoy the city, you need to also examine the cost of living.

Because some locales are more isolated or have shorter growing seasons, groceries can be much more expensive in some areas over others. However, in smaller towns, there is often less variety and it can be more difficult for you to purchase specialty foods.

In other cities, the climate is great, or it is close to major financial or cultural centres, so the cost of living there is much greater than other places within Canada

Transportation

En route to education

- Something else to consider is the cost of transportation within different cities: do you have a transit pass included in your tuition, or do you need to pay for a monthly pass? Do you have a car and do you need to pay for gas, parking and maintenance?
- Similarly, if you live in a large city, car insurance has a tendency to cost more than if you were in a smaller community.

Moving costs

One of the last things you should consider is how much it will cost you to move to this new city. If you are moving cross-country, the cost of renting a vehicle to bring all of your stuff can be upwards of $10,000 or more. This can include the rental of a truck/trailer, insurance, a fee per kilometre you drive, the cost of gas, the fees issued by the rental company to drive their vehicle back, as well as buying food and renting a hotel room.

If you opt to bring only the essentials with you, furnishing an apartment can be expensive as well. If you only plan to live in that city for the length of your program, perhaps it's more worthwhile to live in residence for some of the time.

However, Zac Spicer, a PhD student in political science at Western University in London, Ont., makes a great point when it comes to accessing what the location of your prospective school may be: "Location should be the last consideration of anyone applying to grad school, but it does obviously play a role in deciding where to go. … I would caution anyone from letting this factor be the deciding one. Look at what the school offers, then consider the location."

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Players, from left, Dan Cleary, Sidney Crosby, Jarome Iginla, Eric Staal and Shane Doan leave collective bargaining negotiations last Thursday in Toronto.
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NHLPA irked by teams' contact with players

NHL. League provided 48 hours for GMs, owners to discuss proposal with players

Distrust continues to creep into the NHL's stalled labour negotiations.

The NHL Players' Association was questioning the league's motives after news surfaced Tuesday that team owners and general managers were given a 48-hour window last week to speak with players about the NHL's latest contract offer.

"Most owners are not allowed to attend bargaining meetings," said Steve Fehr, the NHLPA's special counsel. "No owners are allowed to speak to the media about the bargaining. It is interesting that they are secretly unleashed to talk to the players about the meetings the players can attend, but the owners cannot."

The window was granted last Wednesday. Team employees were told they could answer questions about the offer from players until 11:59 p.m. on Friday.

"Players were contacting club personnel to inquire about our proposal," said deputy commissioner Bill Daly. "We gave them a limited window in which to respond to those inquiries."

The NHL's negotiations have stalled just days before a deadline to save the entire season. On Tuesday evening, the NHLPA requested a Wednesday meeting at the league's New York office, provided it was held without pre-conditions.

However, Daly said that it wouldn't be granted since the union hadn't shown any interest in the NHL's most recent proposal and wasn't ready to table another offer of its own.

"What would we be meeting about?" said Daly.

The NHL sent out strict guidelines prior to allowing club personnel to speak with players for the first time since the work stoppage began, but didn't alert the union it was doing so. In a lengthy internal memo obtained by The Canadian Press, the league stated clearly to teams that the discussions had to be limited to the contents of the proposal.

It also provided examples of questions that shouldn't be asked of players and noted that any violation would be subject to NHL bylaw 17.17, which grants commissioner Gary Bettman the power to levy fines up to $250,000 US.

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Before the window

Since the lockout began, the NHL had forbidden contact between team officials and players.

- It was unclear how many players were contacted, but one general manager acknowledged privately that he chose not to speak with his players because he felt uncomfortable doing so.

NBA

Nowitzki in no rush to return after arthroscopic knee surgery

Mavericks star Dirk Nowitzki says he's encouraged after the first knee surgery of his career but says a timetable for his return is "pretty ridiculous to talk about."

Nowitzki walked gingerly but without a noticeable limp on Tuesday, four days after arthroscopic surgery on his ailing right knee. Coach Rick Carlisle said the 11-time all-star is expected to miss six weeks.

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MLB

Guillen let go after last-place season in Miami

Ozzie Guillen was fired Tuesday after one year as manager of the last-place Miami Marlins, whose promising season began to derail in April when his laudatory comments about Fidel Castro caused a backlash.

Miami's next manager will be the fifth for owner Jeffrey Loria since early 2010.

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MLB

"I would take exception with the thought that there was no intent to fulfil a contract."

New Red Sox manager John Farrell in response to fan anger in Toronto. The Blue Jays made a deal with Boston last weekend to release the skip, who was pursuing the high-profile job.

Tigers ace Justin Verlander delivers during Game 3 of the ALCS against the New York Yankees in Detroit on Oct. 16.
GREGORY SHAMUS/GETTY IMAGES FILE

Verlander back in Series on a roll

Tigers' best. Detroit ace looks to put behind early career disappointments on World Series stage

Justin Verlander's introduction to post-season baseball six years ago left him dazzled and exhausted.

Worn down toward the end of his rookie season, he made his playoff debut at Yankee Stadium. A couple weeks later, he was on the mound for Game 1 of the World Series.

"It was such a whirlwind, really, that entire season. I remember standing on the mound in old Yankee Stadium ... and growing up as a kid you see all of the post-season games and all of the magic that had happened in that stadium, and it was kind of a surreal moment for me," the Detroit ace said.

"I feel like I have pitched in big games now and understand what my body's going to be going through and what my mind is going to be going through and I am able to rein it in a little more and use it more to my advantage."

Verlander is now 29 and he returns to the Fall Classic a more mature pitcher. In three playoff starts against Oakland and the New York Yankees, he's allowed all of two runs going into Wednesday night's opening game at San Francisco.

In three playoff starts against Oakland and the New York Yankees, he's allowed all of two runs — a pair of harmless solo homers that did little to slow Detroit's march to the American League pennant. On Wednesday night, he'll pitch Game 1 against San Francisco.

"He's learned to handle these situations. He's learned how to stay pretty calm throughout the game in these big-game situations," manager Jim Leyland said.

The six-foot-five right-hander makes pitching look effortless, settling into a groove early without necessarily reaching back for his triple-digit fastball until the later innings.

Verlander went 24-5 in 2011, sweeping the AL MVP and Cy Young awards. Although he won only 17 games this year, his ERA was still a sparkling 2.64.

Of course, in 2006, Verlander started Game 1 of the World Series, and the Tigers lost to St. Louis 7-2. Those travails are all but forgotten now.

On Wednesday night, Verlander will go back to work, with his usual business-like attitude and tireless approach. He still won't take anything for granted. Verlander's well aware that no matter how talented you are, anything can happen in October.

"Every game in the post-season is a must-win," Verlander said. "In the post-season we have seen some crazy things happen in this game. Just try to win every single game one inning at a time."

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How they made it

- **Giants:** The Giants fell behind 0-2 at home in the NLDS, flying to Cincinnati where they rolled off three straight wins. In the NLCS, they overcame a 3-1 deficit against the Cardinals. The Giants are a record 6-0 in elimination games.
- **Tigers.** Oakland took it to five games before Verlander shut them out. The Tigers swept New York and have been on the sidelines since last Friday waiting for an opponent. Detroit's rotation has been overpowering.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Second chance in San Francisco

Barry Zito will start the World Series opener for the San Francisco Giants Wednesday night.

- Zito's stellar outing in a 5-0 win on Friday in Game 5 of the NL championship series helped San Francisco rally from a 3-1 series deficit against the St. Louis Cardinals.
- The Giants have won Zito's last 13 starts dating to Aug. 7. The $126-million US pitcher was left off all three rounds of the 2010 post-season when San Francisco won the World Series.

Hard road ahead for cycling to regain credibility

Doping fallout.
Sport's top official says stripping Armstrong of Tour de France titles gives it some 'moral authority'

Mired in a crisis caused by the Lance Armstrong doping affair, the sport of cycling faces an uphill trek to regain credibility.

Still, cycling's top official said the sport can succeed despite the doubts of many, including anti-doping leaders who on Tuesday called for Armstrong-era officials to be removed.

"By the decisions we have taken (Monday) it has given us the moral authority," UCI president Pat McQuaid told The Associated Press after the UCI accepted the sanctions that stripped Armstrong of his seven Tour de France titles and all other race results since August 1998.

Quote

"The sport has to take what it can from this and use it as a means to convince athletes that there's no future in doping."
UCI president Pat McQuaid

Skeptics still insist that the UCI protected Armstrong from scrutiny for many years, and was reluctantly forced to disown him by a devastating report published this month by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. Across 1,000 pages of evidence, it detailed how Armstrong's teams used and trafficked banned drugs — coercing some teammates into the conspiracy — to dominate the Tour from 1999-2005.

"We really had no option but to make the decision we made," McQuaid said.

McQuaid's denunciation that Armstrong "deserves to be forgotten in cycling" was surprisingly strong after the UCI had previously backed Armstrong's failed legal fight to deny USADA jurisdiction in the case.

"We haven't tried to find a way to defend an icon in our sport — we've accepted reality," the UCI president told the AP. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

UCI president Pat McQuaid
GETTY IMAGES FILE

Heat handle Bobcats without Wade

Miami Heat forward LeBron James saves the ball from going out of bounds during an NBA pre-season game against the Charlotte Bobcats on Tuesday night in Raleigh, N.C. With Dwyane Wade given the night off, Chris Bosh turned in an aggressive performance scoring 21 points to help the Heat beat the Bobcats 98-92. LeBron James added 10 points and eight assists for the Heat and Ray Allen added 15 points off the bench for Miami. GERRY BROOME/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CFL

Als' Richardson runs to offensive honours

Montreal Alouettes slotback Jamel Richardson was named CFL offensive player of the week Tuesday.

He had 161 receiving yards on eight catches in the Als' 34-28 win over Saskatchewan last week.

Calgary defensive back Keon Raymond was named defensive player of the week for his efforts in the Stampeders' 34-32 win over Hamilton. He had eight tackles, two sacks and returned an interception for a touchdown.

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MLB

Baseball great Fisk facing DUI charges

Hall of Fame catcher Carlton Fisk faces charges of driving under the influence and other misdemeanours after being found asleep in his pickup truck in a cornfield, police in suburban Chicago said Tuesday.

New Lenox Deputy Chief Robert Pawlisz said officers found Fisk, 64, behind the wheel late Monday with an open bottle of vodka on the truck's floor.

Fisk was taken to a hospital for treatment and released from custody after posting bail, Pawlisz said.

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MLB

MLB PLAYOFFS

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES
(Best-of-7)

AMERICAN LEAGUE
N.Y. Yankees (E) vs. Detroit (C)
(Detroit wins series 4-0)

NATIONAL LEAGUE
San Francisco (W) vs. St. Louis (wc)
(San Francisco wins series 4-3)
Monday's result
San Francisco 9 St. Louis 0
Sunday's result
San Francisco 6 St. Louis 1

WORLD SERIES
(Best-of-7)
San Francisco (N.L.) vs. Detroit (A.L.)
Wednesday's game
Detroit at San Francisco, 8:07 p.m.
Thursday's game
Detroit at San Francisco, 8:07 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 27
San Francisco at Detroit, 8:07 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 28
San Francisco at Detroit, 8:15 p.m.

LATE FRIDAY

GIANTS 9, CARDINALS 0

St. Louis	AB	R	H	BI	BB	SO	Avg.
Jay cf	4	0	1	0	1	2	.207
Beltran rf	4	0	1	0	1	0	.300
Holliday lf	4	0	1	0	0	0	.200
Craig 1b	4	0	0	0	0	0	.125
Y.Molina c	4	0	4	0	0	0	.393
Freese 3b	3	0	0	0	1	1	.192
Descalso 2b	3	0	0	0	0	1	.200
d-T.Cruz ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Motte p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Kozma ss	3	0	0	0	1	2	.227
Lohse p	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
J.Kelly p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Mujica p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
a-Chambers ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Rosenthal p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
b-S.Robinson ph	1	0	0	0	0	1	.000
Boggs p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Salas p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Schumaker 2b	1	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	**34**	**0**	**7**	**0**	**4**	**8**	
San Francisco	**AB**	**R**	**H**	**BI**	**BB**	**SO**	**Avg.**
Pagan cf	5	1	2	1	0	1	.242
Scutaro 2b	4	1	3	0	1	0	.500
Sandoval 3b	4	1	1	1	1	0	.310
S.Casilla p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Ja.Lopez p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Romo p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
Posey c	4	1	1	0	1	0	.154
Pence rf	5	1	2	2	0	2	.179
Belt 1b	5	2	2	1	0	0	.304
G.Blanco lf	3	2	1	0	2	0	.182
B.Crawford ss	4	0	1	1	0	1	.217
M.Cain p	3	0	1	1	0	2	.400
Affeldt p	0	0	0	0	0	0	---
c-A.Huff ph	1	0	0	0	0	0	.200
Arias 3b	0	0	0	0	0	0	.000
Totals	**38**	**9**	**14**	**7**	**5**	**6**	

St. Louis	000 000 000—0	7	2
San Francisco	115 000 11X—9	14	0

a-lined out for Mujica in the 5th. b-struck out for Rosenthal in the 7th. c-grounded into a double play for Affeldt in the 7th. d-struck out for Descalso in the 8th.
E—Jay (1), Kozma (2). LOB—St. Louis 12, San Francisco 10. 2B—Sandoval (2), Pence (1). HR—Belt (1), off Motte. RBIs—Pagan (2), Sandoval (6), Pence 2 (3), Belt (2), B.Crawford (5), M.Cain (1). SB—Beltran (2), Descalso (1). Runners left in scoring position—St. Louis 9 (Craig 2, Lohse 2, Descalso, T.Cruz 2, Holliday 2); San Francisco 4 (Pence, Sandoval 2, Belt). RISP—St. Louis 0 for 11; San Francisco 3 for 14. Runners moved up—Beltran, Holliday, Sandoval, B.Crawford. GIDP—A.Huff.
DP—St. Louis 1 (Descalso, Kozma, Craig).

St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO	NP	ERA
Lohse L, 1-1	2	6	5	5	1	1	46	7.04
J.Kelly	2/3	2	2	2	2	1	26	4.50
Mujica	1 1/3	1	0	0	0	0	14	0.00
Rosenthal	2	1	0	0	1	4	34	0.00
Boggs	2/3	3	1	1	1	0	22	5.40
Salas	1/3	0	0	0	0	0	3	3.86
Motte	1	1	1	1	0	0	14	2.25
San Francisco	**IP**	**H**	**R**	**ER**	**BB**	**SO**	**NP**	**ERA**
M.Cain W, 1-1	5 2/3	5	0	0	1	4	102	2.19
Affeldt	1 1/3	0	0	0	1	2	18	0.00
S.Casilla	2/3	2	0	0	0	0	17	0.00
Ja.Lopez	1	0	0	0	2	2	25	0.00
Romo	1/3	0	0	0	0	0	4	0.00

Lohse pitched to 3 batters in the 3rd.
Inherited runners-scored—J.Kelly 3-3, Mujica 3-0, Salas 2-0, Affeldt 2-0, Ja.Lopez 2-0, Romo 2-0. HBP—by M.Cain (Holliday). WP—S.Casilla, Romo.
Umpires—Home, Gary Darling; First, Chris Guccione; Second, Bill Miller; Third, Greg Gibson; Right, Jerry Layne; Left, Ted Barrett.
T—3:35. A—43,056 (41,915).

AHL

Tuesday's results
St. John's 8 Portland 7 (OT)
Rochester 3 Hamilton 1
Oklahoma City 4 Lake Erie 3
Wednesday's games
All Times Eastern
Portland at St. John's, 6 p.m.
Connecticut at Albany, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Texas, 8:30 p.m.
Thursday's game
San Antonio at Rockford, 8:05 p.m.
Friday's games
Adirondack at Albany, 7 p.m.
Hershey at Connecticut, 7 p.m.
Charlotte at Grand Rapids, 7 p.m.
Springfield at Providence, 7:05 p.m.
Rochester at Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, 7:05 p.m.
Toronto at Hamilton, 7:30 p.m.
Abbotsford at Lake Erie, 7:30 p.m.
Bridgeport at Worcester, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Peoria, 8:05 p.m.

NBA PRESEASON

Tuesday's results
Indiana 100 Cleveland 82
Chicago 94 Oklahoma City 89
Phoenix at Golden State
At Raleigh, NC
Miami 98 Charlotte 92
Monday's results
Toronto 104, Milwaukee 95
Philadelphia 98, New York 90
Dallas 87, New Orleans 74
Phoenix 103, Sacramento 88
Portland 120, Utah 114
L.A. Clippers 88, Golden State 71
Wednesday's games
All Times Eastern
New York vs. Brooklyn at Uniondale, NY, 7:30 p.m.
Orlando at Memphis, 8 p.m.
Houston at New Orleans, 8 p.m.
Dallas vs. Oklahoma City at Wichita, KS, 8 p.m.
Detroit vs. Minnesota at Winnipeg, Manitoba, 8 p.m.
Washington vs. Miami at Kansas City, MO, 8:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

SOCCER

MLS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
y-Kansas City	33	17	7	9	40	26	60
x-D.C. United	33	17	10	6	52	42	57
x-Chicago	33	17	11	5	45	40	56
x-New York	33	15	9	9	54	46	54
x-Houston	33	14	8	11	48	39	53
Columbus	33	14	12	7	42	43	49
Montreal	33	12	15	6	45	50	42
Philadelphia	32	10	16	6	36	40	36
New England	33	8	17	8	38	44	32
Toronto	33	5	20	8	35	60	23

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
y-San Jose	33	19	6	8	71	42	65
x-Seattle	33	15	7	11	51	32	56
x-Real Salt Lake	33	17	11	5	46	35	56
x-Los Angeles	33	15	12	6	58	47	51
x-Vancouver	33	11	13	9	35	41	42
Dallas	33	9	13	11	40	45	38
Colorado	33	10	19	4	42	50	34
Portland	33	8	16	9	33	55	33
Chivas USA	33	7	18	8	22	56	29

x — Clinched playoff berth.
y — Clinched conference.
Note: Three points for a win, one for a tie.
Wednesday's game
Philadelphia at Kansas City, 8:30 p.m.

UEFA

CHAMPIONS LEAGUE
First Round
Group E
Nordsjaelland (Denmark) 1 Juventus (Italy) 1
Shakhtar Donetsk (Ukraine) 2 Chelsea (England) 1
Group F
BATE Borisov (Belarus) 0 Valencia (Spain) 3
Lille (France) 0 Bayern Munich (Germany) 1
Group G
Spartak Moscow (Russia) 2 Benfica (Portugal) 1
Barcelona (Spain) 2 Celtic (Scotland) 1
Group H
Galatasaray (Turkey) 1 CFR Cluj (Romania) 1
Manchester United (England) 3 Braga (Portugal) 2

ENGLISH

LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP
Yesterday's results
Barnsley 1 Crystal Palace 1
Bristol City 3 Burnley 4
Cardiff City 2 Watford 1
Ipswich Town 1 Derby County 2
Leeds United 1 Charlton Athletic 1
Leicester City 1 Brighton & Hove Albion 0
Middlesbrough 2 Hull City 0
Millwall 3 Birmingham City 3
Peterborough United 3 Huddersfield Town 1
Wolverhampton 2 Bolton Wanderers 2
Blackpool 2 Nottingham Forest 2

CONCACAF CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

FIRST ROUND
GROUP TWO
Tuesday's result
Real Salt Lake (U.S.) vs. Herediano (Costa Rica)
GROUP THREE
Tuesday's result
Houston (U.S.) 1 Olimpia (Honduras) 1
GROUP SEVEN
Tuesday's result
Chorillo (Panama) vs. Monterrey (Mexico)

CFL

WEEK 17

EAST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
y-Montreal	16	10	6	0	440	445	20
Toronto	16	7	9	0	371	425	14
Winnipeg	16	5	11	0	339	492	10
Hamilton	16	5	11	0	470	515	10

WEST DIVISION

	GP	W	L	T	PF	PA	Pt
y-B.C.	16	12	4	0	441	307	24
x-Calgary	16	10	6	0	464	382	20
x-Saskatchewan	16	8	8	0	425	361	16
Edmonton	16	7	9	0	370	393	14

x — Clinched playoff berth.
y — Clinched division.
Saturday's results
Calgary 34 Hamilton 32
Montreal 34 Saskatchewan 28
Friday's results
B.C. 39 Edmonton 19
Winnipeg 44 Toronto 32

WEEK 18
Friday's game — All Times Eastern
B.C. at Calgary, 9 p.m.
Saturday's games
Winnipeg at Hamilton, 1 p.m.
Toronto at Saskatchewan, 4 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 28
Edmonton at Montreal, 1 p.m.

TENNIS

ATP

DAVIDOFF SWISS INDOORS
At Basel, Switzerland
Singles
First Round
Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, def. Stanislas Wawrinka (4), Switzerland, 7-6 (7), 7-6 (3).
Grigor Dimitrov, Bulgaria, def. Viktor Troicki (8), Serbia, 6-3, 6-2.
Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, def. Bernard Tomic, Australia, 6-0, 6-2.
Matthew Ebden, Australia, def. Victor Hanescu, Romania, 6-3, 7-6 (3).
Marco Chiudinelli, Switzerland, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez, Spain, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.
Brian Baker, U.S., def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Rep., 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-3.
Kevin Anderson, South Africa, def. Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, def. Go Soeda, Japan, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

VALENCIA OPEN 500
At Valencia, Spain
Singles
First Round
David Ferrer (1), Spain, def. Olivier Rochus, Belgium, 7-5, 7-5.
Xavier Malisse, Belgium, def. Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (2), France, 3-1, retired.
Gilles Simon, France, def. Janko Tipsarevic (3), Serbia, 5-4, retired.
Nicolas Almagro (6), Spain, def. Juan Carlos Ferrero, Spain, 7-5, 6-3.
Sam Querrey, U.S., def. Feliciano Lopez, Spain, 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Alexandr Dolgopolov, Ukraine, def. Filippo Volandri, Italy, 6-3, 7-6 (5).
Jurgen Melzer, Austria, def. Carlos Berlocq, Argentina, 6-3, 6-3.

NFL

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	4	3	0	.571	217	163
Miami	3	3	0	.500	120	117
N.Y. Jets	3	4	0	.429	159	170
Buffalo	3	4	0	.429	171	227
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Houston	6	1	0	.857	216	128
Indianapolis	3	3	0	.500	117	158
Tennessee	3	4	0	.429	149	238
Jacksonville	1	5	0	.167	88	164
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Baltimore	5	2	0	.714	174	161
Pittsburgh	3	3	0	.500	140	132
Cincinnati	3	4	0	.429	166	187
Cleveland	1	6	0	.143	147	180
WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Denver	3	3	0	.500	170	138
San Diego	3	3	0	.500	148	137
Oakland	2	4	0	.333	113	171
Kansas City	1	5	0	.167	104	183

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

EAST	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Giants	5	2	0	.714	205	137
Philadelphia	3	3	0	.500	103	125
Dallas	3	3	0	.500	113	133
Washington	3	4	0	.429	201	200
SOUTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Atlanta	6	0	0	1.000	171	113
New Orleans	2	4	0	.333	176	182
Tampa Bay	2	4	0	.333	148	136
Carolina	1	5	0	.167	106	144
NORTH	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
Chicago	5	1	0	.833	162	78
Minnesota	5	2	0	.714	167	131
Green Bay	4	3	0	.571	184	155
Detroit	2	4	0	.333	133	150
WEST	**W**	**L**	**T**	**Pct**	**PF**	**PA**
San Francisco	5	2	0	.714	165	100
Arizona	4	3	0	.571	124	118
Seattle	4	3	0	.571	116	106
St. Louis	3	4	0	.429	130	141

WEEK SEVEN
Monday's result
Chicago 13, Detroit 7
Sunday's results
Minnesota 21 Arizona 14
Green Bay 30 St. Louis 20
Houston 43 Baltimore 13
N.Y. Giants 27 Washington 23
Dallas 19 Carolina 14
New Orleans 35 Tampa Bay 28
Indianapolis 17 Cleveland 13
Tennessee 35 Buffalo 34
Oakland 26 Jacksonville 23 (OT)
New England 29 N.Y. Jets 26 (OT)
Pittsburgh 24 Cincinnati 17
Thursday's result
San Francisco 13 Seattle 6

WEEK EIGHT
Thursday's game
All Times Eastern
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, Oct. 28
Jacksonville at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Indianapolis at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
San Diego at Cleveland, 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Philadelphia, 1 p.m.
Seattle at Detroit, 1 p.m.
Washington at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
New England vs. St. Louis at London, 1 p.m.
Oakland at Kansas City, 4:05 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 4:25 p.m.
New Orleans at Denver, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Oct. 29
San Francisco at Arizona, 8:30 p.m.

GOLF

WEEKEND GLANCE

US PGA TOUR/ASIAN TOUR
CIMB CLASSIC
Site: Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Online: www.pgatour.com
Asian Tour site: www.asiantour.com

EUROPEAN TOUR
BMW MASTERS
Site: Shanghai.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Online: www.europeantour.com

US LPGA TOUR
SUNRISE LPGA TAIWAN CHAMPIONSHIP
Site: Yang Mei, Taiwan.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Online: www.lpga.com

CHAMPIONS TOUR
AT&T CHAMPIONSHIP
Site: San Antonio.
Schedule: Friday-Sunday.
Online: www.pgatour.com

TOURNAMENTS
MEN
WEB.COM TOUR: Web.com Tour Championship, Thursday-Sunday, TPC Craig Ranch, McKinney, Texas. **Online:** www.pgatour.com
JAPAN GOLF TOUR: Mynavi ABC Championship, Thursday-Sunday, ABC Golf Club, Hyogo, Japan. **Online:** http://www.jgto.org
PGA TOUR OF AUSTRALASIA: Western Australia Open, Thursday-Sunday, Royal Perth Golf Course, Perth, Australia. **Online:** pga-tour.com.au
SUNSHINE TOUR: Sun Coast Classic, Thursday-Saturday, Durban Country Club, Durban, South Africa. **Online:** www.pgatour.co.za
EUROPEAN CHALLENGE TOUR: Apulia San Domenico Grand Final, Wednesday-Saturday, San Domenico Golf Club, Savelletri, Italy. **Online:** www.europeantour.com

WOMEN
LADIES EUROPEAN TOUR: China Suzhou Taihu Open, Friday-Sunday, Suzhou Taihu International Golf Club, Suzhou, China. **Online:** www.ladieseuropeantour.com
JAPAN LPGA TOUR: Hisako Higuchi Ladies, Friday-Sunday, Musashigaoka Golf Club, Saitama, Japan. **Online:** www.lpga.or.jp

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The trunk is very spacious

2013 Chevrolet Malibu

- **Type.** Four-door, front-wheel mid-size sedan.
- **Engines (hp);.** 2.5l DOHC I4 (197), 2.0l DOHC I4 (259), 2.4l DOHC I4 with 15kw motor (182, net)
- **Transmission.** Six speed auto.
- **Base price (incl.destination).** $26,500

Interior styling

Cabin styling, which was the previous Malibu's strong suit, hasn't veered off course for 2013. The dual cockpit-style seating arrangement, with its wrap-around dashboard and centre stack, returns in roughly the same format, but the controls and switches are laid out in a more straightforward fashion.

Design

On the outside, the Malibu's athletic lines reveal a more prominent grille and Camaro-influenced taillights at the opposite end. The range-topping LTZ is upgraded with brighter high-intensity discharge (HID) headlights and faster-acting light-emitting diode (LED) taillights.

Review. It's really three separate cars under the same banner

MALCOLM GUNN
Wheelbase Media

To be a mid-sized sedan in this day and age means that you actually have to be a lot more than just a mid-sized sedan.

You have to have a super-attractive entry price. You also have to show that you like clean air, trees and fluffy rabbits romping in fields. And, you have to be sporty enough for moms and dads who gave up their two-door cars when the stork came calling. But, since you can't really put all of that together in one car, the Malibu — and others in this class — have separate models to take care of a broad buyer base.

Once considered somewhat plain and uninspiring in a rental-fleet sort of way, the Malibu regained its groove for the 2008 model year with sharp styling, thoughtfully designed interior appointments and competent road manners. The reviews bordered on gushing, sales spiked and the mid-size Chevy was walking proud again. The new 2013 Malibu has been repurposed for new challenges and increased sedan-class competitiveness. From top to bottom it's a completely different car, starting with a more rigid platform based on the Opel Insignia (also part of GM).

Exterior dimensions are closely aligned with the outgoing Malibu, except for about 11.5 centimetres of shrinkage between the front and rear wheels. Despite this deficit, most key passenger- and cargo-area measurements, except legroom, have actually increased. The speedometer and tachometer gauge pods are located in what are clearly Chevrolet Camaro-inspired housings. As with other recently launched GM sedans, the Malibu comes with 10 standard airbags, including front-knee inflatables.

In short, the 2013 Malibu offers a variety of models to a diverse group of buyers. Welcome to the modern mid-size sedan.

The Malibu's taillight influence is undeniable. All models are front-wheel drive and have some sort of four-cylinder propulsion.

The gauge layout will likely remind you of the Chevrolet Camaro.

By comparison

1 Ford Fusion
Base price: $24,050

2 Nissan Altima
Base price: $25,200

3 Mazda6
Base price: $25,700

Bank balance lean but keen to stay green? Choose Honda's old hybrid

Second gear.
2005 to 2007 Honda Accord Hybrid

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Pressing towards greater environmental sensibility, Honda launched a hybrid variant of their popular Accord sedan for the 2005 model year. The relatively short-lived model lasted through till 2007 and was never a sales success — though it furthered the automaker's reputation in the hybrid vehicle scene.

Look for an Accord Hybrid with heated leather seats, a navigation system, premium audio, remote entry, steering-wheel mounted audio controls and all of the other toys available in loaded-up Accord models.

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Common issues

Check for a vibration or "tone" emitted from the Accord Hybrid's engine compartment, which is likely caused by a malfunction in the "Active Noise Cancellation" circuitry. When this system doesn't work properly, the sound is noticeable as cylinders are deactivated. If it's working, drivers shouldn't hear it.

Another possible issue may be related to the transmission. Some drivers report a clunking, surging or vibration apparent when shifting gears. If the Accord Hybrid you're considering doesn't feel like it's shifting properly, be double sure to have it checked out.

Engine

By adding their Integrated Motor Assist (IMA) system to the Accord's V6 powerplant, output climbed from the standard 240 horsepower to 255.

What owners dislike

Complaints include seat comfort, some cheap interior trim pieces and lower-than-expected handling performance due to the Accord Hybrid's fuel-saving tires.

What owners like

Owners gravitated initially toward the model because of its promise of elevated performance and good real-world mileage. Honda's reliability and reputation for safety and a refined driving experience attracted shoppers, too.

Verdict

Shop carefully, test-drive thoroughly, and try to find a model that's familiar to the selling Honda dealer. A full checkup is mandatory, and an extended warranty that covers the hybrid drivetrain components isn't a bad idea either.

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Wisely spend your way around car care this fall with these 10 products

Take a load off. With a vehicle maintenance investment this season you could have more time to enjoy life

JEFF MELNYHCUK
Wheelbase Media

Car "care" is not a four-letter word.

In fact, like many things in life, you can spend your way around it. When it comes to your vehicle, a dollar spent on the right products often equals money saved down the road on repairs, resale value and elbow grease.

The following products were chosen for this reason. Wheelbase Media is not affiliated in any way with the following companies or their products.

They have been selected as a sample of the thousands of products out there that are designed to, among other things, give more time behind the wheel.

No. 1: Defend against door dings

Simply separate the two halves and stick them to the front and rear doors (thanks to built-in magnets) of your vehicle to provide a three-inch thick protective bumper.

Each set consists of a pair of 75-cenitmetre-long shock-absorbing tubes covered in soft, scratch-proof, weather-resistant polyester. Bound together by a heavy-duty cable, they're held by a ball at the end of the steel security cable that you simply toss into the vehicle before closing and locking the doors. doordefender.com

No. 2: Cap the problem

There are a number of valve-stem caps on the market that show you when tire pressure is low.

The Air Alert Valve Cap from Automotive Upgrade Technologies actually flashes for up to three weeks when the pressure drops by four p.s.i., a situation that needs your immediate attention. The list price is about $40 US. Visit automotiveupgrade.com.

No. 3: The cart of all carts

OK, this item might not be for everyone, but if you're deadly serious about keeping your expensive ride(s) as clean and spotless as possible, then you'll definitely want to look into a Rebel Cart.

Each of the company's twin-compartment rolling steel carts can store plenty of solvents, waxes and assorted cleaning supplies. There's also a portable air compressor (including an air hose and air gun) and a Metro-brand 4.0-horsepower portable vacuum cleaner.

Colour choices include red, white, matte black, gloss black and silver. Rebel Carts sell for $2,000 US and through rebelcarts.com.

No. 4: "Carrying" a spare

Kurgo makes storing and moving your spare sets of tires a little easier (and cleaner) because of its one-size-fits-all bags with handles.

The Seasonal Tire Tote is intended to keep brake dust and other road filth off your clothes as well as out of the trunk or cargo compartment of your vehicle. Made from polyester and machine-washable. Kurgo.com.

No. 5: Dressed with less mess

One coat of More Shine on a clean tire makes it look black, while a second helping provides a glossy shine. There's no dripping liquid, no sponges and a no wiping needed.

The Stoner company says the shine will last for weeks.

More Shine is claimed to provide UV protection from the sun, it won't "brown" the tires and it won't harm the finish on your wheels. Moreshine.com.

No. 6: Smell? What smell?

Each one-kilogram bag contains porous volcanic rock with zeolite, which is a naturally forming mineral with the ability to absorb all kinds of smells, from food (regurgitated and otherwise) to oil and gasoline fumes.

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No. 7: Clean your cleaning cloths

The maker of WHOOSH! claims that its biodegradable detergent will make your microfibre towels turn out soft and fluffy as new, which is what you need to get back to work on your vehicle.

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Make cleaning your filthy car easier this fall. WHEELBASE

No. 8: Keep your cool

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No. 10: What's your ratchet?

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Wera makes Zyklop ratchet sets from 18 to 43 pieces with prices beginning in the $80 US range for the basic set through amazon.com. For more info, you can also check out us.wera.de.

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Child seats: One size doesn't fit all

Driving Force.
Don't take risks, and be informed when it comes to seating your kid

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You know that your child should always be in the proper safety seat at all times in a vehicle. But you may not be aware of changing recommendations for the type of seat they use.

The transition through various types of seats depends more on a child's development than age or weight, according to Barbara Baines, child passenger safety advocate for Britax.

"Britax recommends rear-facing as long as possible," she says.

"It's a safer way to travel, because during a frontal collision, the force of the collision is absorbed through the back of the seat, and there is no energy or force being put on the weaker front parts of the body."

The federal government sets standards for the seats themselves, but provinces set laws for their use.

The weight and age of children in rearward-facing seats is often legislated at 20 to 22 pounds, or a minimum of one year.

Baines recommends using the child's development instead and keeping them rearward-facing until they can walk unassisted.

"Many children are bigger than in the past, and that's why we've brought in the developmental part," she says.

"Babies that are larger won't always have the muscle strength, even though they passed 22 pounds long ago. Walking unassisted indicates that they have the muscle development to hold their bodies and spines upright."

When a child moves from a front-facing seat to a booster seat, height should be the primary factor. The booster seat's sole purpose is to raise the child sufficiently so a seatbelt can be used.

The seatbelt must fit correctly over the hips and shoulder, and the child should be able to sit with his or her back against the seat, and with knees completely bent over the front of the seat cushion.

Until this is possible, the child should remain in a seat with a five-point harness. All child seats should be replaced after their expiration date or if they've been in a crash, even if the seat was empty at the time. Baines cautions about buying used seats.

Things to note

- **Better safe than sorry.** Always register your seat with the manufacturer when you buy it, so you can be alerted to any product recalls.
- **Support is crucial.** Make sure any seat sufficiently cushions the child's head and prevents excessive head and neck movement in a crash.

"It's illegal to sell second-hand seats unless they meet the Transport Canada safety standards as of January 2012," she says.

"Also, you don't know if that seat has ever been in a collision, been mistreated, or if there's a recall on it. It's not worthwhile saving money when it's your child's safety at stake."

Some perspective

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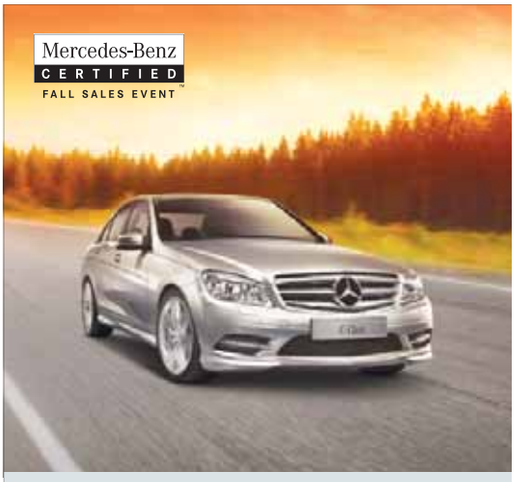
Barbara Baines, Child Passenger Safety advocate for Britax
On the dangers of buying a second-hand car seat for a baby or child

Sitting pretty in her car seat. BRITAX



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March 21 - April 20
You are rarely subtle in the way you say things and today you will speak your mind without fear or favour. Leave others in no doubt at all that you are not amused by what has been going on of late.

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
Not everyone can live up to your exacting standards, so make allowances for those whose efforts fall short of the mark. The quality you most need to develop is patience. It won't be easy but it can be done.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
You need to slow down and take life at a more leisurely pace. The planets warn that mistakes will be made unless you think things through carefully over the next few days. Remember, your health always comes first.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
You have much to look forward to over the next few weeks, so don't waste time or energy on things that no longer matter. Whatever yesterday's problems were, it's time to put them out of your mind forever.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
Keep telling yourself that you are supposed to make mistakes and that it's not necessarily bad when things go wrong. The important thing now is that you learn from setbacks and make sure they don't happen again.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
What someone is saying about you is designed to make you feel bad about yourself, but you don't have to play their silly game. You know what you are capable of. You are perfect just the way you are.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Find ways to streamline your daily routine so you have more time for personal matters such as affairs of the heart. Most likely you are doing things for other people that they should be doing for themselves. Enough is enough.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Play by the rules and don't give your enemies an opportunity to catch you out. If you demand the highest standards of other people, they have the right to demand the highest standards of you.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Someone who has a lot of charm will make a big impression on you today but are they as nice as they look? If your sixth sense tells you to be on your guard, you would be wise to listen to it.

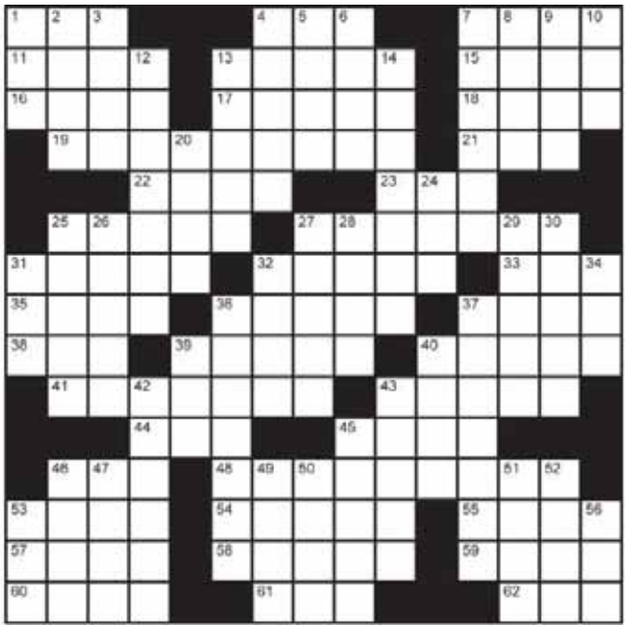
♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Forget about tomorrow and focus on what you are supposed to be doing right now. Take each day as it comes and tackle a single task at a time. One small task completed is better than ten big tasks left unfinished.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Stop worrying that the sky is about to fall and start doing the things that will make your existence more secure. For starters, you should be pushing ahead with a creative project. Time's running out.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
A loved one is in need of cheering up and you are the one who can help. Make it your business to put the smile back on their face and, in doing so, your own worries will fade away too. **SALLY BROMPTON**

Two Cities, One Rocker, and Stuff for Walls

BY MICHAEL WIESENBERG



Across
1. Parliamentarians
4. African antelope also known as a wildebeest
7. Not this
11. Comic Sandler
13. French coin replaced by the euro
15. Nevada's "The Biggest Little City in the World"
16. Crafty
17. Starbucks order
18. Sandwich cookie
19. Saskatchewan's largest city
21. Body part right above the neck
22. Benedict XVI or John Paul II
23. ___ la la
25. Egyptians and Iraqis
27. Home of the Argonauts
31. Wonderland girl
32. With ___ breath: anxiously
33. Basis for a Quaker cereal
35. Small inlet
36. Ancient Celtic priest
37. "Are not!" playground retort (2 wds.)
38. Before: poetic
39. Years 13 through 19
40. Peaks of perfection
41. See 24-Down
43. Bows one's head in church
44. Deity
45. Street
46. Windsor product
48. Wallpaper alternative
53. One of the Great Lakes
54. By oneself
55. Long, long time
57. Flower sites
58. Appellations
59. Fiddler while Rome burned
60. Hive dwellers
61. Repair tears
62. Blade moisture, in the morning

Down
1. PC alternative
2. BlackBerrys and Palm Pilots
3. A long tale such as *Beowulf*
4. Prepare parmesan
5. Mutual defense org. to which Canada and the US belong
6. "Do ___ others as you would ..."
7. Like the famous wooden horse
8. Jealous wife of Zeus
9. All over again
10. Also
12. Facebook competitor
13. Airplane wing parts
14. Moved to the middle
20. Basketballer Bryant
24. With 41-Across, "Maggie May" or "Do Ya Think I'm Sexy?" singer
25. Then: Fr.
26. Blue jeans reinforcement
27. Tease
28. Lex's *Superman* sidekick
29. The Who's pinball wizard
30. Desert rest stops
31. Top card
32. Uncle Remus character
___ Rabbit or Bear
34. How-___: instruction manuals
36. Poker-faced
37. Early French Canadian
39. Deuce
40. Shrinking inland sea that forms part of the border between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan
42. Entrance's opposite
43. North and South ___
45. Sign up for more magazine issues
46. They were among the original inhabitants of Ontario
47. Assistant
49. "Sad to say..."
50. Iditarod's Alaska terminus
51. Must-have item
52. Bull ring wound
53. Be on the wane
56. At present

Yesterday's Crossword

What's online

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

Sudoku

How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

	2		8		1		3	
			6		3			
3		1				4		7
		9	2		5	7		
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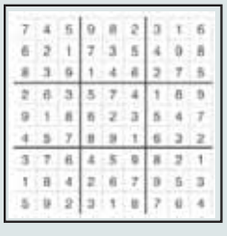
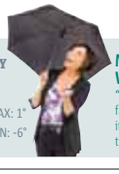
	6		4		9		5	

Yesterday's Sudoku



Weather

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
MAX: -2° MIN: -4°	MAX: -1° MIN: -5°	MAX: 1° MIN: -6°



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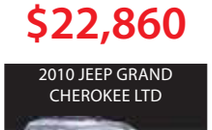

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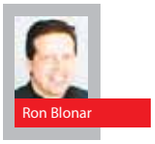
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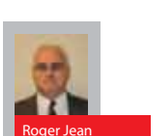
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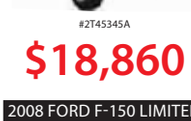

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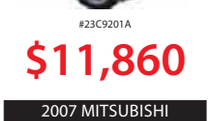

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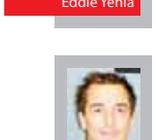
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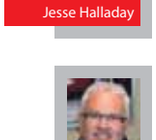
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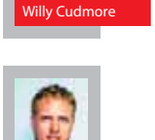
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